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ON THE COVER: In his Mary Washington days, Ken Fulk '87 was the life of the party, always having fun and expressing his unique sense of style. He's parlayed his creativity and panache into a design career that caught the attention of Pottery Barn, which this fall began offering a Ken Fulk Collection.

Cover photo by Drew Altizer/Pottery Barn

THIS SPREAD: Friends socialize on Ball Circle in front of the new University Center, where students gather for dining, student services, club meetings, and more. The building's lighted clock, a gift from the family of Edith Logan Sheppard Ott '59, is a reminder of the former Chandler Hall on that spot. Read about the gift on page 3.

Photo by Norm Shafer



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President Hurley Plans to Retire in 2016

President Richard V. Hurley announced in April that he will retire at the end of the current academic year. At Mary Washington for 16 years, he has served as president since July 1, 2010. Previously, he served twice as acting president, as well as executive vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of the UMW Foundation.

Hurley has presided over the institution during a time of nearly unprecedented capital expansion. Projects include the completion of the Anderson Center and the University



President Richard V. Hurley meets with students and parents during a recent freshman orientation.

Center; the design and construction of Mary Washington's third campus, the Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research in King George County; and construction of the 72,000-square-foot Information and Technology Convergence Center. In honor of the ninth president's service, the UMW Board of Visitors voted at its September meeting to rename that building the Hurley Convergence Center.

"President Hurley has made an indelible impact at Mary Washington," said Rector **Holly Tace Cuellar '89**. "We wanted to recognize his accomplishments with one of our highest

tributes to a president."

She continued, "History will show that his tenure as president was the perfect pairing of strategic vision, innovation, and productivity."

Cuellar heads a 20-member presidential search advisory committee, which is partnering with Baker and Associates in a nationwide pursuit of the institution's 10th president.

In announcing his retirement, Hurley said, "I believe that 2016 is the right time, both for the University and for me, to effect this transition. I am confident that I will have achieved the primary goals I established for my presidency, including the completion of our \$50 million **Mary Washington First** campaign."

He told the board he looks forward to spending time with wife Rose, who also has been a tireless ambassador for UMW, their three adult children, and seven grandchildren.

Hurley has been a hands-on and highly visible president, engaging regularly with students and visitors to campus. He helps on move-in day, shows up in the student dining room, occasionally calls bingo, assists with student service projects, and enjoys attending University events, such as sports contests, plays, concerts, lectures, and student programs.

During his presidency, the University of Mary Washington has continued to garner widespread media recognition as one of the nation's best public liberal arts and sciences universities and one of the top values in higher education.

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Board of Visitors Gets Three New Members

Gov. Terry McAuliffe made three new appointments to the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors: **Heather Mullins Crislip '95, Davis C. Rennolds '06**, and Rhonda S. VanLowe. They will serve four-year terms, which expire June 30, 2019. The three newest board members succeed **Joseph Grzeika '83**, Dorcas Hardy, and Jud Honaker, whose terms ended June 30.

Crislip, a Richmond resident, has been president and CEO of Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia

Inc. since 2012. Before that she oversaw bipartisan policy projects for the Miller Center at the University of Virginia for former Gov. Gerald Baliles and served as the staff director of the Goode National Transportation

Policy Project, which was honored by President Obama in a Rose Garden ceremony in 2010. Crislip led the Miller Center's higher education policy work, including the report *Front and Center:*

Critical Choices for Higher Education. After graduating from Mary

Washington, she received a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law and served as chief of staff to a Hawaii state senator as well as chief of staff and executive assistant to the chancellor of the University of Hawaii.

Rennolds, also of Richmond, is a vice president of McGuireWoods Consulting, where he has worked since 2011. He represents clients' interests before the General Assembly. Clients include SeaWorld, Walton Group International, Virginians for the Arts, the Virginia Federation of Food Banks and the statewide Share Our Strength - "No Kid Hungry" campaign. He previously was a special policy analyst for the Virginia Department of Transportation and a coordinator for former Gov. Bob McDonnell's inaugural committee. Richmond's Style

Weekly named Rennolds to the "Top 40 Under 40" in 2011.

VanLowe, a Reston resident, has served as legal counsel to Rolls-Royce North America Inc. since 1999. Previously she provided counsel for the U.S. operations of Reebok International Ltd. in Stoughton, Massachusetts, and was an associate with two Washington, D.C., law firms, Ginsburg, Feldman & Bress and Swidler & Berlin. An alumna of Cornell University, VanLowe received a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and taught at American University, where she received the 2005 North Star Award for contributions to the Washington College of Law. A member of the Governor's Task Force on Improving Mental Health Services and Crisis Response, VanLowe also has worked at Central Fidelity Bank and First American Bank of Virginia.



Rennolds



VanLowe

Timely Gift Honors Alumna

The family of a prominent alumna has honored her memory with the gift of the clock in the pediment of UMW's new University Center, overlooking Ball Circle.

Edith Logan Sheppard Ott '59 earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Mary Washington, and eventually earned a doctorate in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

She served two terms on the UMW Board of Visitors. She served for many years on the Class of '59 reunion committee, was a member and then president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and was a member of the President's Council. For her contributions, she was awarded the 2010 Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award. She died in 2014.

Her husband of 55 years, Matthew Nelson Ott Jr., helped Vice President for Advancement and University Relations Torre Meringolo unveil the clock's dedication plaque at a ceremony Sept. 17. Also present were the couple's children, Heather Ott, Matthew Ott III, and Meredith Ott; and Mrs. Ott's sister, Sally Dunnington.



Family members of Edith Logan Sheppard Ott are pictured at the clock dedication ceremony. Left to right: Sally Dunnington, Meredith Ott, Matthew Ott III, Matthew Ott Jr., and Heather Ott.



UMW Welcomes Largest-Ever Influx of Students

The University of Mary Washington welcomed an estimated 1,380 freshmen and transfer students in late August, its largest-ever incoming class.

Of those, about 1,000 are first-time freshmen. Most hail from Virginia, but some come from 25 other states and Washington, D.C. Students from Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and North Carolina chose UMW – but so did students from California, Oregon, Washington state, and Hawaii. Aloha!



Nearly a quarter – 24 percent – identify as minorities, including Hispanic/Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and multiracial.

Transfer students are important too. More than 350 enrolled at UMW this fall, most from Germanna Community College and Northern Virginia Community College campuses in Annandale and Woodbridge.

The middle 50 percent of entering freshmen – meaning 25 percent scored higher and 25 percent scored lower – earned, on average, a high school GPA of 3.54, an ACT composite score of 24, and SAT scores of 540 in math, 564 in verbal, and 544 in writing.

World Ready: UMW Awards Degrees

In ceremonies May 8 and 9, 2015, the University of Mary Washington awarded 1,158 degrees – 169 graduate and 989 undergraduate.

Three students from Virginia, **Claire R. Harrington '15** of Chesapeake, **Lisa Blake Johnson '15** of Vienna, and **Emma Katherine Leheney '15** of Arlington, received the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award for having the highest grade-point average over four years of undergraduate study. Each had a perfect 4.0.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were awarded to undergraduate commencement speaker Pamela Bridgewater and posthumously to Claudia Emerson, a poet and longtime professor at UMW.

Bridgewater is a retired career ambassador with the U.S. Diplomatic Service. The graduate commencement speaker was Steven R. Staples, Virginia's superintendent of public instruction.

Other noteworthy honors were:

- **Grellet C. Simpson Award** for excellence in undergraduate teaching – Liane R. Houghtalin, professor of classics, philosophy, and religion
- **UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member** – Eric C. Bonds, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology
- **Mary W. Pinschmidt Award**, selected by the graduating class – Marisa Martinez-Mira, associate professor of Spanish
- **Graduate Faculty Award** for excellence in graduate teaching and professional leadership – G. Robert Greene, associate professor in the College of Business

Emeritus status was awarded to seven faculty members: Galen F. deGraff, professor emeritus of management; Martha V. Fickett, professor emerita of music; Stephen W. Fuller, professor emeritus of biology; Suzanne G. Houff, professor emerita of education; Constance Smith, senior lecturer in English, linguistics, and communication; David S. Soper, professor emeritus of athletics, health, and physical education; and Gary W. Stanton, associate professor emeritus of historic preservation.



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Great Lives 2016 Lineup

Get on the line with Alexander Graham Bell and walk the line with Johnny Cash through the 2016 Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series. Those are among the 18 interesting lectures included in next year's lineup of this perennially popular series. Admission is free for these lectures, which begin at 7:30 p.m. in George Washington Hall's Dodd Auditorium.

- Jan. 14:** **Jack London**, by James L. Haley, author of *Wolf: The Lives of Jack London*
- Jan. 21:** **Georgia O'Keeffe**, by Roxana Robinson, author of *Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life*
- Jan. 28:** **Henrietta Lacks**, by Rebecca Skloot, author of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
- Feb. 2:** **Alexander Graham Bell**, by Charlotte Gray, author of *Reluctant Genius: Alexander Graham Bell and the Passion for Invention*
- Feb. 4:** **Johnny Cash**, by Mark Stielper, historian, essayist, and Cash confidant
- Feb. 9:** **Aviation Icons**, by Winston Groom, author of *The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh, and the Epic Age of Flight*
- Feb. 11:** **Matthew Fontaine Maury**, by John Grady, author of *Matthew Fontaine Maury, Father of Oceanography: A Biography, 1806-1873*
- Feb. 18:** **Jesse Owens**, by Jeremy Schapp, author of *Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitler's Olympics*
- Feb. 25:** **Ethel Payne**, by James McGrath Morris, author of *Eye on the Struggle: Ethel Payne, the First Lady of the Black Press*
- March 8:** **Bob Hope**, by Richard Zoglin, author of *Hope: Entertainer of the Century*
- March 10:** **William Tecumseh Sherman**, by Robert L. O'Connell, author of *Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman*
- March 15:** **Charles Darwin**, by Janet Browne, author of *Charles Darwin: Voyaging, Vol. I* and *Charles Darwin: The Power of Place, Vol. II*
- March 17:** **Secretariat**, by William Nack, author of *Secretariat*
- March 22:** **Civil War Female Spies**, by Karen Abbott, author of *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War*
- March 24:** **TR and FDR: Environmentalist Presidents**, by Douglas Brinkley, author of *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America* and *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*
- March 29:** **Oliver Cromwell**, by Jeremy Black, author of *Oliver Cromwell: God's Warrior and the English Revolution*
- April 12:** **Jefferson Davis**, by James M. McPherson, author of *Embattled Rebel: Jefferson Davis as Commander in Chief*
- April 14:** **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, by Evan Thomas, author of *Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World*





UMW's on TV!

You may have noticed we've ramped up our advertising. UMW students are sharing their real Mary Washington stories online, in full-page newspaper ads, and on mall displays, billboards, and bus wraps. Our great minds are turning heads from Norfolk all the way up to Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

This semester, we took our branded marketing campaign and the momentum it's gained since its launch in 2011, and we moved it up a notch. UMW's first-ever TV commercial hit airwaves this fall in two of our top target areas – Richmond and Hampton Roads. Catch us through the end of the year on networks like ABC Family, Comedy Central, NBC, MTV, and VH1. Or cheer us on during *Monday Night Football* on ESPN.

With the potential for reaching more than a million people in the two markets, Mary Washington's 26-second TV début pulled out all the stops, calling in top industry talent from across the country. Director Ineke Caycedo flew in from Educational Marketing Group (EMG) in Colorado. Cinematographers



David Fuller and Erik Burbank came from Maine. And UMW's own **Madeline LeCuyer '11**, a Broadway makeup artist, ensured that everyone was powdered and primped for high-definition viewing.

Lights, cameras, and backdrops, along with props borrowed from all over campus, turned the Hurley Convergence Center's digital auditorium into a powerhouse production site for 48 hours. A cast of eight students, majoring in everything from computer science to theater – the same

ones you'll see on our bus wraps and billboards – spent two long glitzy days in the spotlight.

Next came the editing. Director of Marketing Malcolm Holmes and Assistant Director of Design Services Maria Schultz flew to Colorado to help EMG sift through hours of footage. They pieced the spot together like a puzzle, adding music and sound bites for just the right Mary Washington feel. We hope you'll agree.

View the commercial at think.umw.edu or on our YouTube channel.



Reza Marvasti

Dancers Sail Across Stage

Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker '81 literally put on a different hat Sept. 26 when he took the Dodd Auditorium stage and foxtrotted through a V-J Day-themed performance that earned him the "best costume" award. He was one of 10 community members participating in UMW's third Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars competition, which raised money for another arts scholarship. With partner Melissa Scott of Strictly Ballroom, Rucker re-created that iconic Times Square kiss image. Commended for his fancy footwork, Howard Heppe, a local plastic surgeon, took home the first-place mirror ball trophy with a cha-cha-cha performed to ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man."



Campus Welcomes Music Stars Bell, Carreras

On the heels of an on-campus performance by one of The Three Tenors, violin virtuoso Joshua Bell will be the William M. Anderson Jr. Celebrity Series guest with the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra next spring.



Joshua Bell

Bell will perform Max Bruch's *Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor* with the Philharmonic at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2016, in Dodd Auditorium. The romantic concerto is one of Bell's longtime favorites.

Bell performs on the 1713 Huberman Stradivarius violin. Tickets can be purchased at umwphilharmonic.com/tickets/.

Mary Washington audiences heard another musical superstar, tenor José Carreras, last month. In his only U.S. concert of 2015, Carreras performed Oct. 17 at the Anderson Center. He was joined by Irish soprano Celine Byrne and conductor David Giménez.



José Carreras

New Vice President Has Big Role

Juliette Landphair has hit the ground running as UMW's new vice president for student affairs, with responsibilities for student engagement programs, residential life, health and counseling services, athletics, safety, and administering the student-run honor system.

In August, Landphair joined UMW from the University of Richmond, where

she was dean of Westhampton College and associate dean in the School of Arts and Sciences. She succeeded Douglas N. Searcy, who is now president of Barton College in Wilson, N.C.

Landphair received the Influential Woman of Virginia award presented by Virginia Lawyers Media



and the Bob E. Leach Award for Outstanding Service to Students presented by the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Association (NASPA).

She holds a bachelor's degree from Tulane University and master's and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Virginia.



Norm Shafer

FSEM Ponders Human Origins

Grace Rihl '19, left, considers a point during a recent Saturday-morning field trip to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. She was among 15 students on the trip as part of "The Human Animal," a freshman seminar taught by Professor of Biology Andrew Dolby.

At the museum, the freshmen searched exhibits to answer questions about ancestral species and their long evolution into today's humans.

Dolby's FSEM is among dozens of investigation-based classes designed to help first-year students become better researchers, writers, and speakers.



A Welcome Home

It's not just the sparkling dining facility – with its individual stations offering meal choices to suit every taste – that makes the newly opened University Center special.

It's not just the meeting rooms, the student-centered office space, the Jamba Juice and Qdoba restaurants, or the comfortably furnished living room, all encompassed in 108,000 square feet over four floors.

What best defines the University Center, at the heart of campus overlooking Ball Circle, is its universal purpose. It's *everybody's*.

Vice President for Student Affairs Juliette Landphair reminded those assembled for the center's dedication Sept. 17 that Mary Washington was founded on democratic principles, to prepare women to teach in public schools. As the single-sex teachers' college expanded, integrated, became coeducational, and transformed into a premier liberal arts and sciences university, UMW's democratic mission has strengthened.

The new building "continues the important institutional theme of democratic purpose," Landphair said.

President Richard V. Hurley expanded on that thought. The University Center "will not only serve as a 'home' where students can relax, gather, and dine, but it will foster greater levels of student engagement, a broader range of activities, and support for career development and planning," he said. "We can all be proud of what the University Center represents – the heart of UMW."

Students gather in a common space at the new University Center, top; enjoy a meal from one of the retail restaurants, center; and walk past the University seal in the lobby, bottom.





ON CAMPUS

The newly opened University Center is at the heart of campus, overlooking Ball Circle. At right: Most students skip the elevator and take the stairs, top, to the fourth-floor dining facility. Students can dine or socialize on the UC's balconies or patio, center. The building provides plenty of space for studying between classes, bottom.

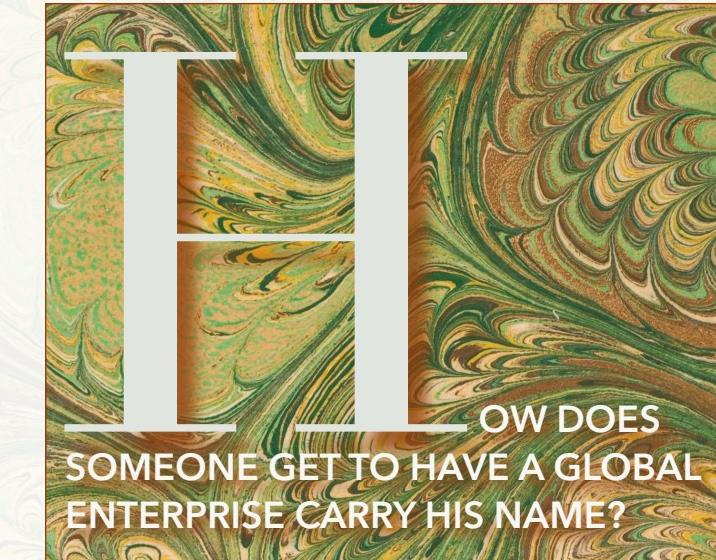


THIS MARY
WASHINGTON
GRAD'S PALETTE
IS PLACES
AND SPACES

FULK ART



Yes, that is a taxidermied ostrich. "We love the wit, whimsy, and effortless elegance he brings to everything he does," says Sandra Stangl, the Pottery Barn Brands president who sought Fulk out to design a new collection.



How does he get to be the life of every party, not to mention the inspiration behind these parties? To design spaces and create occasions for celebrities and tech moguls? To be featured in *Architectural Digest*? And to produce a named collection within an iconic American retail brand?

How? For **Ken Fulk '87**, it's by dreaming big and never saying no.

"Yes, this is exactly the life I envisioned for myself," Fulk said in August on the morning of Pottery Barn's launch of the Ken Fulk Collection, 60 pieces that reflect the designer's whimsical and sophisticated style. The interview was in The Magic Factory, the eclectic San Francisco headquarters of Ken Fulk Inc., its three floors abounding with exquisite decorative touches and fresh flowers.

Fulk finds power in saying yes. His modus operandi: Accept the challenge, then find a way.

"When I was 4 years old, I did this parlor trick," he said. "My parents would call me into the room and ask me where I wanted to live when I grew up. 'Manhattan,' I would answer. Where in Manhattan? 'A penthouse.' "

BY ANNA B. BILLINGSLEY

This was a kid who had rarely left his hometown, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and certainly had never ventured into New York City. He was also the kid who “wanted to make sure everyone always had a grand experience, even with Sunday supper.” Fulk said he was prone to flights of fancy and constantly had “funny little movies” running in his head.

“It’s been a winding road, but I kept thinking: Manifest your dreams and you can have a great, rich, abundant life.”

He’s not living in a Manhattan penthouse. But nearly five decades later, Ken Fulk has arrived. Tree House, his home in San Francisco, overlooks the metropolis that has embraced him. He has other magnificent homes in Napa Valley and in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Be on the lookout for them in national magazines, the likes of *Vanity Fair*, *Elle Décor*, and *House Beautiful*. His business is booming, and it takes him all over the world.

“My time at Mary Washington laid the groundwork for me to launch my own company,” said Fulk, a history major. “It was the foundation, providing me with the confidence and knowledge that I could create my own path.”

That path wasn’t so clear at the time he picked up his diploma on Ball Circle. After taking a position in a constrained corporate marketing environment (“that felt like joining the Army”), Fulk worked as a textile designer, putting his stamp on shower curtains and children’s pajamas. He co-authored a series of funky children’s storybooks called *Doodlezoo*.

When that venture hit a dead end, Fulk said, “Now what do I do?”

By that point, he had met the man who would become his husband, Kurt Wootton, and they had moved to California. Interesting side story: Wootton, a classically trained pianist, also is from Virginia, and they both are 50-ish. While they lived in the same places – Wootton graduated from Hampden-Sydney College – and traveled in the same circles, they didn’t meet each other until they both moved to Boston and realized they owned the same towels. In a coin laundry, Fulk accused Wootton of stealing his burgundy and forest green Ralph Lauren towels. Ken and Kurt have been together ever since.

It has been an adventure, Fulk said. Even when money was tight, they’ve lived in glamorous style, always scraping together funds for “magical dinner parties and exotic trips.”

Finding himself on the West Coast with no clear career course, Fulk was asked to refurbish a friend’s house. The friend had a low budget, and Ken had no credentials. “He just liked the way I live,” Fulk said.

Putting the Fulkeian mark on that house was enough. “It was like a faucet was turned on,” he said. “I realized I could do this as a profession. Almost immediately, I had all this other work – around the world. It just kept coming.

“I saw this as something bigger than me,” he said. Ken Fulk Inc. was born and has relied solely on word of mouth.

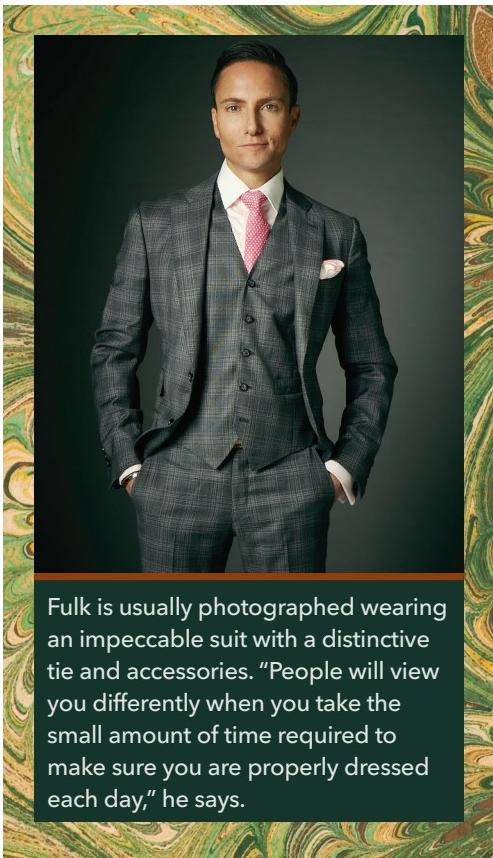
What exactly do Fulk and his 50 employees do?

“We are a multidisciplinary creative agency,” Fulk said. The agency offers design services, branding and graphics, complete coordination of private events, and concierge services. In a way, he serves as curator of his clients’ cultures; he designs not only homes but also wardrobes, dinner parties, and family vacations. For example, Fulk said, if someone wants to spend a weekend at the lake, his company would set up the space, arrange transportation, light the fire, and stock the refrigerator.

Lately, Ken Fulk Inc. has been branching more into architecture and commercial spaces. One recent project was The Cavalier, a restaurant and bar attached to San Francisco’s trendy new Hotel Zetta. With the air of a British pub, the space has been described as “oozing classic sophistication.” And Michael and Xochi Birch, who sold their tech company to AOL for \$850 million, tapped Fulk to decorate their five-story bayview home and transform a turn-of-the-century San Francisco building into The Battery, a trendy private social club.

“Ken is the greatest living genius of interior design and architecture,” according to Fulk friend and client Sean Parker, founding president of Facebook and co-founder of Napster. In addition to designing Parker’s residences, Fulk was the mastermind behind Parker’s over-the-top 2013 enchanted forest wedding in Big Sur, reported to cost upward of \$4 million.

On the heels of the Parker wedding and with the addition



Fulk is usually photographed wearing an impeccable suit with a distinctive tie and accessories. “People will view you differently when you take the small amount of time required to make sure you are properly dressed each day,” he says.

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Fulk celebrates with Sandra Stangl, president of Pottery Barn Brands, at a San Francisco launch party for his Ken Fulk Collection of home furnishings and decor. While guests were offered bottled cocktails as party favors, Fulk sticks with his go-to libation, a well-made margarita.



of several Fulk projects in the Big Apple, a headline in the *New York Post* blared: **The designer every tech billionaire should know in 2015.**

After visiting The Battery and other places where Fulk had worked his magic, Sandra Stangl, president of Pottery Barn Brands, cold-called Fulk and told him she wanted to work with him. “We are thrilled to partner with Ken on the first collaboration of its kind for Pottery Barn,” she said. “We love the wit, whimsy, and effortless elegance he brings to everything he does.”

The Ken Fulk Collection, on the cover of Pottery Barn’s August catalog and featured in stores, includes furnishings ranging from a \$10.50 bottle opener to an \$8,895 quilted-leather sectional sofa. Many items pay tribute to Fulk’s beloved golden

retrievers, Delilah, Duncan, and Hubbell.

“We do things that are unique to us,” Fulk said of all of his work, which he considers a “love affair” rather than a job. His frame seems too small to hold all the avant-garde, chic, show-stopping, irreverent – and always big – ideas that constantly brew.

“I am not the best designer. I am not the best event planner. But I am good about building relationships,” he said. Fulk’s clients become lifelong friends.

So have many of his Mary Washington classmates. **Todd Vecchio ’87** met him freshman year when Kenny, as he was known then, “drove up in a Datsun 280 or 260 Z looking like Tom Cruise in *Risky Business*.” Vecchio, who has kept up with his classmate for 32 years, last saw him on the West Coast when

FULK DECIDED ON MARY WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF THE IDYLLIC CAMPUS – AND HOW MUCH FUN HE HAD DURING A WEEKEND VISIT. IN COLLEGE, HE SAID, “I LEARNED TO LEAD, TO LIVE AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS, AND TO BE A PART OF A COMMUNITY.”



Ginny McNeill, Kim Slayton, and Kenny Fulk enjoy themselves at a Trench Hill Reception.

At Mary Washington, “Kenny” Fulk loved socializing, and yearbook photos like this one show him at parties, surrounded by women. “I was treated like a rock star,” he recalls. “Girls would steal the pockets off my jeans and keep them.”

they met for lunch. Having asked where Vecchio and his wife were going for dinner, Fulk surprised them by calling ahead to pick up the tab.

"Kenny is a super funny, super nice, gracious person," Vecchio said. Even during their undergraduate days, he said, Fulk was dapper. "He had style from Day One. He was a meticulous dresser ... everything about him was perfect."

During the interview, Fulk's face lit up when talking about his college days. "*I loved Mary Washington*," he said. Finding the campus "idyllic and beautiful," he was smitten, he said, after visiting during high school for one "crazy, fun weekend."

Active in student government, Fulk ran on a ticket his freshman year of enhancing campus social life. "It was a cusp of a time for me. ... I really found my voice at Mary Washington," he said. "I learned to lead, to live and collaborate with others, and to be a part of a community."

Photos of Fulk in yearbooks show a strikingly handsome man surrounded by young women. "I was treated like a rock star," he said. "Girls would steal the pockets off my jeans and keep them."

Nowadays, though Fulk is constantly on the go and in demand – two assistants were waiting to whisk him to another appointment – he is nostalgic about his roots and his Mary Washington days.

His father died in August. His mother and only sibling – a sister eight years older – still live in the Harrisonburg area, and Fulk visits whenever he can. Home is the same modest dwelling to which Fulk was brought from the hospital half a century ago. It looks just about the same, he said.

"I've never redecorated my parents' house," said this sought-after world class designer, "because they've never asked me to. It's comforting and completely bizarre all at once." Asked how folks in his hometown regard him, Fulk laughed and said, "as an alien."

Humble, not haughty, about his success, Fulk acknowledged, "I'm the luckiest lad ever." He added, "I feel like I've won the lottery. ... I am the rare person who has found what I love to do."

But for Fulk, it's not so much about the fame or the money. "It's the lives we've touched, the experiences we've helped create, the touchstones we've been privileged to share."

"All I can say is that we've had a hand in the intimate, special occasions and spaces where people live out their lives," Fulk said. "We help make memories, and at the end of the day, that's all we really have." ■

You can see and hear from Ken Fulk here: youtube.com/watch?v=EGbWe-0KwBI.

FIVE FUNDAMENTALS

AS A GIFT TO
HIS FELLOW ALUMNI,
FULK CAME UP WITH THESE TIPS:

1

DON'T BE AFRAID OF COLOR (and, especially, don't be afraid of the dark!). A coat of paint in a glorious shade – including a deep, dark hue and even limiting it to one wall – is one of the most impactful and least expensive things you can do to transform a space.

2

MAKE SURE YOUR DESIGN IS PERSONAL AND HAS A POINT OF VIEW. Listen to those voices in your head – the good ones, at least. It's not about pleasing everyone but about creating an environment that's a reflection of you and your family.

3

MAKE SURE EVERY LIGHT HAS THE ABILITY TO DIM. Everything and everyone looks better in low light.

4

NEVER STRESS OVER PREPARING A FANCY MEAL. Takeout served on your best china with some good wine can make for a wonderful evening.

5

THE SAYING IS TRUE: CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN (OR WOMAN). Believe you me, a little effort in this regard goes a long way. People will view you differently when you take the small amount of time required to make sure you are properly dressed each day. An added bonus is that you will feel much better about yourself.



FACING AN UGLY TRUTH

or years, newspaper journalist **Kristen Green '95** covered stories about inequality in poor, minority communities around the country. But one story she hadn't yet tackled nagged at her.

In 1959, her Virginia home county had closed its public school system rather than integrate its classrooms. Perhaps, Green thought, it was time to turn her reporter's eye on the role her own community – and her own family – had played in perpetuating racial segregation. There was a book there, she knew.

She'd read historical articles detailing Prince Edward County's refusal to desegregate as part of Virginia's so-called "massive resistance" to integration. And she'd begun grappling with the realization that her beloved grandparents, Mimi and Papa, had been part of an effort to shut black children out of school.

Papa had passed away while Green was a student at Mary Washington, and Mimi was ill and unwilling to talk about the past. But Robert Taylor, a longtime friend of her grandparents and a co-founder of the whites-only academy that essentially replaced the county's public school system for five years, was open to a conversation.

IN HER NEW BOOK, KRISTEN GREEN '95 EXAMINES HER HOME COUNTY'S SEGREGATIONIST PAST

BY EDIE GROSS



Dean Hoffmeyer

Seated in Taylor's Farmville den in November 2006, Green asked him whether he regretted helping deny black children an education. His answer stunned her: He declared that he was still a segregationist and that maintaining the purity of the white race was as important to him in 2006 as it had been 50 years earlier. Taylor died a few weeks after that interview.

Now, nearly a decade later, Green acknowledges that she probably should have anticipated the man's unapologetically racist response.

Over the next eight years, she'd hear plenty of equally defensive retorts while working on *Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County: A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle*.

Along the way, subjects accused her of digging up ancient history and rubbing salt in old wounds. But Taylor's words stung more than most, maybe because Green had known him since she was a toddler, or maybe because he was the first to give voice to an ugly undercurrent she knew still coursed through her cherished hometown.

"It hit me at some point that this was going to be really hard.

He talked about black boys dating white girls and getting them pregnant and white girls' families being stuck with these babies they didn't want. He called them 'pinto babies.' I walked away just kind of stupefied," said Green, who only two years earlier had married a multiracial man. "That conversation made me realize how painful writing the book would be, doing the research would be."

It would be more than a year before Green would conduct another interview. By then, she and husband Jason Hamilton had welcomed the first of their two daughters. Green knew her

Green's friend and Mary Washington classmate Jane Archer '95, a Brooklyn-based designer and illustrator, created the book's cover.

Kristen Green took an uncomfortable look at her home county's anti-integration past in the 2015 book *Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County*.

family's history, complicated or not, would also be her daughters' history, and that meant she had to confront it.

Harper published the book in June 2015. Part memoir, part history, it details the events leading to the county's controversial decision to close all its public schools from 1959 to 1964. And it looks at the fallout for the community, primarily its black residents, who struggled to catch up when schools reopened or never returned to school at all.

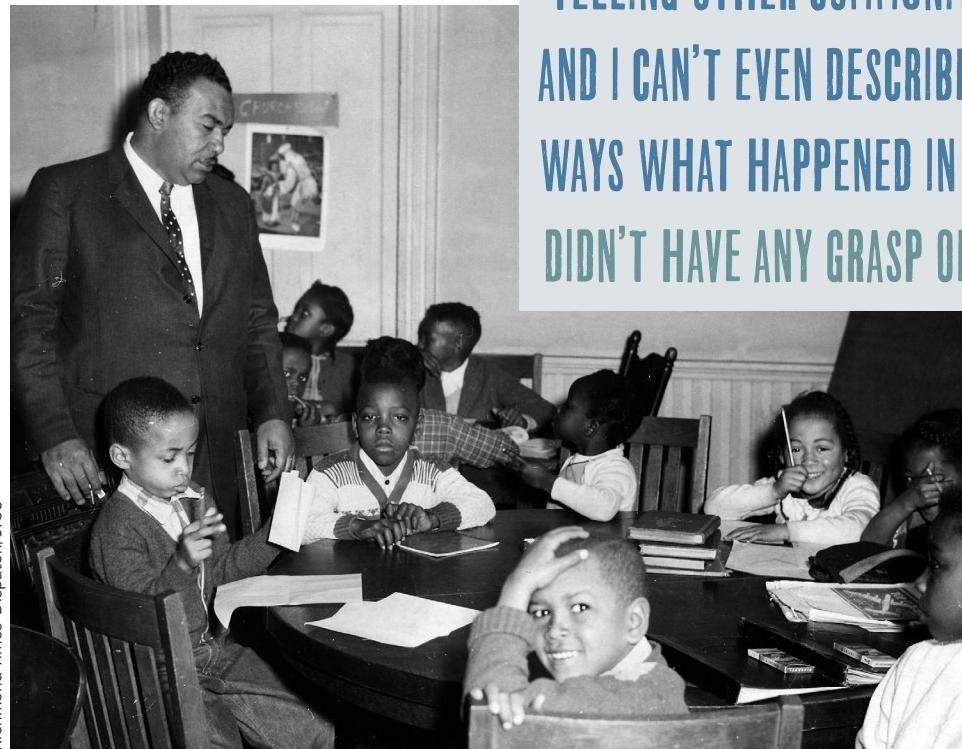
Woven throughout are Green's efforts to reconcile the adoring grandparents of her idyllic childhood with their unrelenting support for segregation.

"All the ingredients were there," said Gail Winston, an executive editor at Harper, who praised Green's personal approach to a painful history. "It's sort of a brave book, and I think the passion of that comes across in her writing."

Green grew up knowing precious little about the firestorm that enveloped Prince Edward County decades before her birth.

In 1951, students at the county's all-black high school went on strike to protest inferior and overcrowded conditions. The NAACP filed a lawsuit, which was eventually combined with four other cases from across the country into the landmark Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Kansas*.

The court ruled unanimously in May 1954 that segregated public education was unconstitutional. But Virginia, following the stance of former governor and U.S. Sen. Harry Byrd Sr., adopted a policy of "massive resistance," and it would be years before any of its schools integrated.



Even after most communities throughout the state grudgingly yielded to federal court orders, Prince Edward County rejected desegregation. In 1959, the county's board of supervisors voted not to appropriate money for the public school system. Meanwhile, white leaders made good on a plan they'd been formulating since the Brown ruling five years earlier, establishing a K-12 whites-only private school known as Prince Edward Academy.

Green's grandfather helped found the academy and sat on its board for at least 25 years. Both of Green's parents graduated from the school. And even after public schools reopened in the fall of 1964, most of the community's white students would continue for decades to attend the private school, including Green and her three younger brothers.

Green said she grew up knowing that her grandparents helped found the academy in the wake of public school closures so their children's education would not be interrupted. But no one acknowledged that it was a living, breathing monument to the years of education denied the community's black children. Green had no black neighbors and until the eighth grade, no black classmates.

The only black person she knew was her grandparents' housekeeper, whose heartbreakening decision about how to secure her own daughter's education is featured in the book. But as a youngster,

**"HERE I AM TELLING OTHER PEOPLE'S STORIES,
TELLING OTHER COMMUNITIES' STORIES EVERY DAY,
AND I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE TO YOU IN THE VAGUEST
WAYS WHAT HAPPENED IN MY HOMETOWN. I REALLY
DIDN'T HAVE ANY GRASP OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED."**

The Rev. L. Francis Griffin of First Baptist Church visits with children at a "training center" set up to reinforce basic academic skills while Prince Edward County's public schools were closed.

Green was blissfully unaware of her hometown's ugly past.

It wasn't until she attended Mary Washington, Green said, that she learned to question authority. As a reporter at the student newspaper, then known as *The Bullet*, Green realized that just because sources were nice didn't mean they were truthful.

Classmate **Jane Archer '95**, a Brooklyn-based designer and illustrator, remembers Green as an affectionate young woman with a wide smile who would loudly declare "Well, that's just wrong!" if she felt someone was being treated unfairly.

"She's fearless. It's one of the things I've always admired about her," said Archer, who met Green as a freshman in Virginia Hall and remains one of her closest friends. "She's always felt like family to me, from Day One."

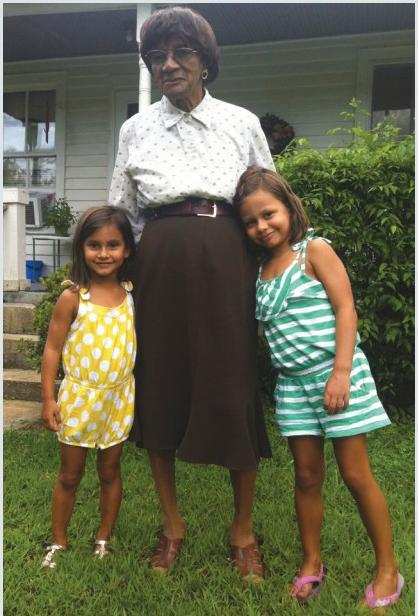
In what she calls a "really awesome full-circle moment," Archer, who had worked with Harper's creative director before, was invited to submit some cover designs for Green's book, including the one that was ultimately chosen.

After graduating with a degree in American studies, Green pursued a career in journalism, taking her reporting and writing skills to newsrooms in Virginia, Oregon, California, and Massachusetts. In Salem, Oregon, she covered burgeoning gang violence in the Latino community. She later wrote about immigrants and the refugee population for the *San Diego Tribune*, taking a four-month leave of absence to study Spanish in Guatemala before returning to take over the newspaper's inner-city beat.

While out West, her thoughts turned to the history of her own hometown. How, she thought, could she tell the stories of so many other communities and not share the story of her own? The more she read about Prince Edward's past, the more committed she was to writing a book.

About 2008, while working on an assignment for her master's in public administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Green picked up a copy of *They Closed Their Schools*, a 1965 book about Prince Edward's reaction to the Brown decision. Until then, she said, she'd believed that her grandfather had simply followed the lead of other white community members in helping to start the private Prince Edward Academy.

But in the book, he's described as a founding member of



Kristen Green, 2013

The author's daughters, Selma and Amaya, stand with Elsie Lancaster, a longtime housekeeper for Green's grandparents. During the school shutdown, Lancaster had to send her own daughter away from home to get an education.

Prince Edward's chapter of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving segregated schools.

"That was a game-changer for me. My family was deeply involved too," said Green, who moved to Richmond with her husband and daughters about five years ago. "I was wrestling with all this Southern baggage about loyalty and the meaning of family. What do you do with this kind of information? I loved my grandfather deeply. How do you share these stories and still be respectful?"

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History William B. Crawley Jr. said his History of the South class covers many of the events detailed in Green's book. Green does a solid job of weaving her personal narrative with the community's history and doesn't shy away from the "unpleasant realities" of her family's story, Crawley said.

"I think she needs to be commended for her honesty about what for her was clearly a traumatic discovery. She didn't back away from it, and she was not deterred by the possible backlash of people in her community and in her own family," he said. "That takes courage."

Her family's response has been mixed. Though the topic has been uncomfortable for them, her parents have supported her efforts, she said. More distant relatives have told her they would've preferred the story not be dredged up.

Overall, she said, the response has been positive. Professors around the country have told her they plan to roll the book into their lesson plans. She's heard from white graduates of the former Prince Edward Academy, now called Fuqua School, who have thanked her for sharing the school's troubling history. She's also heard from black residents of Prince Edward County, some of whom had never before shared their stories of truncated educations or the trauma of being sent away to live with strangers so they could stay in school.

"It was more than just denying children an education. It was denying them familial relationships," Green said.

It's important, she said, to own the mistakes of the past.

"We have a lot of work to do in this country, grappling with unpleasant history. I felt there is nothing wrong with feeling shame or guilt about things your family has done in the past, to fess up and to talk about it," she said. "I thought it was the right thing to do, to say what my family did was wrong and I'm sorry." ■



Professor Helps Her Students Connect

Jennifer Mozolic '03, a professor of psychology at North Carolina's private Warren Wilson College, has been named to NerdScholar's second annual list of "40 Under 40: Professors Who Inspire."

NerdScholar, a financial literacy website focusing on college students, said in a news release that the 40 professors under age 40 were chosen "based on their ability to captivate and engage students in the classroom, their outstanding involvement on campus and in the community, and their overwhelming passion for their subject matter."

A story on Warren Wilson's website quotes Mozolic saying she is "fascinated by the way the brain supports human thought and behavior. In my classes, I love connecting students to the basics of neuroanatomy and neuropsychology by providing them opportunities to experience things firsthand – like touching a human brain or hearing nerve cells sending signals."

Mozolic is in her seventh year of teaching at the college. At Mary Washington, she majored in biology and psychology. She earned a doctorate in neuroscience from Wake Forest University.

Tennis Champ Returns for Court Dedication

The University of Mary Washington athletic department has dedicated a court at its Edward H. Hegmann II Tennis Complex in honor of two-time national champion and three-time All-American **Christine L. Copper '91**, a professor of chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Copper, a UMW Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, achieved a singles record of 114-30 and was named NCAA Division III National Senior Player of the Year. A founding member of the Eagle Club Advisory Board, she has contributed more than \$10,000 to the Eagle Club.

"Christy was one of the greatest players in Mary Washington history and had many victories on that court," said UMW Director of Athletics Ken Tyler. "More importantly, her legacy of leadership and support to UMW continues to make a difference for our current student athletes."

Alumni Honored for Their Work in Education

Educators **Abigail Omans Seeley '78** and **Seth Kennard '01** have earned separate honors for their contributions to student learning.

Seeley, a sixth-grade teacher at Orange Hunt Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia, was named the 2015 Virginia History Teacher of the Year. The award is presented by the Virginia Department of Education in conjunction with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, cable television channel History, and Preserve America.

"Abby Seeley is known for providing lessons that accentuate the uniqueness of each student ... and help them develop critical-thinking skills," according to state Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples.

Kennard, principal of Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia, earned *The Washington Post's* 2015 Distinguished Educational Leadership award. He was recognized for his commitment to engaging all students. He has expanded his school's tutoring program and doubled its community volunteer program.



Seth Kennard



Abby Seeley



Principal Seth Kennard welcomes a young pupil and her mother to Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia.

Christy Copper '91
Dedicated April 22, 2015





Give It Your Best Shot

We think this photo was shot in fall 1964, and the setting is the patio of Lee Hall. The event was a pumpkin sale to benefit the music honorary society Mu Phi Epsilon.

Now all that's left is to learn the identities of the two young women conducting this pumpkin transaction.

If you think you know, please go to magazine.umw.edu and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment. Or send an email with "Get the Picture" in the subject line to lmoyer2@umw.edu.

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You Got It!

We knew that the gentleman in this photo is Dr. Burney L. Parkinson, a professor of education and psychology at Mary Washington from 1952 to 1956. Thanks to several readers of the summer issue of *UMW Magazine*, we now know the names of the young ladies pictured with him.

On the left is **Julia "Judy" Ann Graham Kanakanui '54**. On the right is **Joan Piedmont Gruppe '55**. Sadly, both have passed away. But their classmates remember them fondly.

Ann Grubbs Blitchington '55 recognized Joan, her suitemate for two years, and remembered that Joan was from Norfolk. **Beverly Carmichael Ryan '55** also recognized Joan and recalled playing bridge with her and other friends in Westmoreland Hall. She writes, "I'm afraid we spent lots of time playing bridge when we probably should have been studying, but we did have fun."

Ellen Wheby Witherspoon '56 commented that as a transfer student new to campus in 1953, she was happy to see the familiar face of Judy, whom she knew from



their hometown of Beckley, West Virginia. "Judy was a lively, talented music major and quite active on campus," she writes.

Barbara Babb Puckett '54, Ruth Gillespie Simpson '54, Lucy-Mae Munger Redman '54, and Ozzi Mask '56 also contacted the magazine to identify Judy, Joan, or both.

Thanks to all who responded and shared memories!

ALUMNI SEEN

1. Mary Washington welcomed more than 700 alumni and friends for Reunion Weekend, May 29 through 31.

2. Grads from the '90s get together.

3. **Gayle Weinberger Petro '79** presents the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Georgia State Senator **Nan Grogan Orrock '65**.



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Save the Date!

If your class year ends in 1 or 6, plan to attend the next Reunion Weekend – June 3-5, 2016.

Online registration begins Jan. 15, 2016, at alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend.



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4. The Class of 1985 has way too much fun!
5. **Laura Gilchrist '17** and an alum enjoy the Mary Washington pastime of bench-sitting.
6. The Class of 1970 shows spirit with custom Goat T-shirts.
7. President Hurley and wife Rose share a moment on the Brompton lawn with **Carol Bailey Miller '50**.
8. Alumni travel around campus in style.
9. Perhaps these little ones are Mary Washington legacies in the making?

ALUMNI SEEN



President Hurley and **Julie Burns '10** are ready to sample the offerings at the Metro DC Alumni Network cooking demo.



Northern California Alumni Network members Suzanne Van Ness '69, Patrick Masterson '03, and Jenelle Kubicsko Masterson '03 pose with a jockey at a Golden Gate Fields race.



New York Alumni Network members Andrew and Samantha Luton '10, Ben Miller '09, and Paul Walstak show support for President Hurley.



Alessandra Naich Fehrman-Prestipino '10 and John Fehrman-Prestipino '10 attend the Metro DC Alumni Network brunch at a local winery.



Tidewater Alumni Network members enjoy an evening at the Chrysler Museum of Art.

Class Notes

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1940

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1941

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1942

Virginia Bennett Skillman
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Eloise Strader, teacher, local historian, and community theater volunteer, died Oct. 19, 2014, at 96. She taught high school mathematics for more than 40 years, and she transcribed and edited *The Civil War Journal of Mary Greenhow Lee*, about Civil War-era life in Winchester.

1943

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1944

Phyllis Quimby Anderson
pqhndson@comcast.net

Virginia Hawley Butler has been living with daughter Bonnie and her husband in Blacksburg, Virginia. Her other daughter and her husband live in Roanoke, Virginia. She has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren living nearby. She enjoys two bridge clubs, her great-grandchildren's sports activities, Virginia Tech sports, and church activities. In the past she taught at Virginia Tech and Radford University. She feels lucky to be here to enjoy retirement at the age of 93!

1945

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1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring
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1947

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman
marka.bamman@gmail.com

1948

No Class Agent
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Nancy Salisbury Ellis passed away in March of 2014. She was a proud graduate of Mary Washington College who served in her church and in the agricultural community, and she worked as a Realtor for many years. She will be remembered as a devoted mother and tireless farm wife.

1949

June Davis McCormick
jaymcee@yahoo.com

From Richmond, **Dorothy Desmond Helfrich** wished she could have made it to our 65th Reunion Weekend. Swollen hands have kept her from sending her usual number of Christmas cards, and she has painful knees, hips, and back. Her adored little furry companion Yvette, now 15, also has arthritis, and they both are on meds.

In Mechanicsville, **Elva Tate Hasher** was sorry to not make it back to Mary's Hilltop, but she doesn't drive too far from home now. She still volunteers at the hospital one afternoon a week, and, she said, her main source of social life seems to be her frequent doctor's appointments.

"Ancient knees" haven't kept **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** from bridge games, swim classes, and women's club. Since relocating to Fairfax, she enjoys having her daughter, sons, and grandchildren nearby. After attending our 65th

Reunion Weekend, she was gratified to be at the high school graduations of two grandchildren and plans to attend two grandchildren's college graduations next spring.

In recent years, Betty has crafted gingerbread houses, figures, and snowy scenes, pictures of which became her Christmas greetings. Son Glenn has become a gingerbread enthusiast and has created scenes of familiar sites in Reston. Betty has shared recipes and instructions with a granddaughter.

Last December, **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** of Haddonfield, New Jersey, was helping husband Fred stand, and they both fell. Fred was not seriously hurt, but Chot's pelvis fractured. The two spent the next seven weeks "incarcerated," Chot said, in the hospital. After much home therapy, by February they were able to have some much-needed peace and quiet.

Things are going as well as possible with **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** in Lexington. She has reduced

Sad news from **Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist** of Martinsville, who reported the January 15 passing of **Nancy Morris Childress Ullman**. Nancy taught elementary school and worked in social and hospice services at Memorial Hospital in Martinsville and Henry County. One of Nancy's greatest joys was serving as a Stephen Minister in the First Methodist Church one-to-one care program. Nancy is survived by three sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Cindy Hubbard wrote that her mother, **Ann Louise Guillory Hubbard**, died April 10. Ann and her husband raised their five children in Southern Pines, North Carolina. After his death, Ann moved to Raleigh and worked for the health department for 20 years, arranging dental care for underserved youngsters. Ann felt her greatest achievement was raising five wonderful children.

More sad news from Cindi Faulks, who let us know her mother,

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore '49 crafts gingerbread houses, figures, and snowy scenes, and is sharing the recipes and instructions with a granddaughter.

her playing at the piano bar to two nights a month and still plays once a week at the retirement community. She occasionally sees **Nanalou West Sauder '56** there. B.B. sent news that **Dorothy "Dotty" Booker Pinkham** and Dave have moved into a retirement home in Montpelier, Vermont.

Jane Yeatman Spangler is at home in Concord, North Carolina, with daughter Janet. They expected to drive to Pennsylvania in August and break the drive by spending the night with Betty Bond.

Anne McCaskill Libis of Baltimore had a knee replaced before Christmas. She and Claude continue their activities at Glen Meadows

retirement home in Glen Arm, Maryland, where she sees two other MWC alumnae – **Ann Middleton Kelly '44** in the assisted living

section and **Helen Tracy Totura '43**. Anne takes college courses and exercise classes, conducts a classical music class, and keeps small vegetable and perennial flower gardens.

Barbara Green Connell, died in Minnetonka, Minnesota, on June 7. Cindi wrote of her mother's long journey with Lewy body dementia, which necessitated her 24-hour care since 2008. Her mother was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, and caring friend who exemplified a true "sweet Southern lady," Cindi said.

Barbara Trimm Wright's lifestyle was restricted by an aneurysm that affected her sight two years ago, but she told her surgeon then, "If I were 35 instead of 85 that would devastate me, but I can cope at my age!" She feels good and stays as

Let us hear from you!

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active as possible. Ever inventive, she originated "a little ministry" in her small country church; with the permission of those in need of prayer, she uses her email list to alert some 45 other members.

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood of Georgetown, Delaware, has recovered from shingles. When her husband died several years ago, she was left with their Run Bridge Kennels and wonderful memories. "I'm in a nice home here, with nice neighbors, and am very happy," Blackie said. Still active in professional dog shows, she was looking forward to traveling to Virginia in June for a show and to visit her sister, who is 93.

Dolores "Dee" Ross, too, has suffered shingles. Just before its onset, Dee had attended the UMW Scholarship Donors Appreciation Luncheon in April, an opportunity for donors and recipients to get together. **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** also drove down from Fairfax to enjoy both the luncheon and visiting with her scholar.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart's husband, Bonar, passed away April 18, sad news to which we were alerted by Connii's BFF, **Norah Pitts Byrnes**. Long ago, Bonar, a Canadian and a member of the National Classic Theatre of New York, and a young American actress, Corinne Conley, were cast as young lovers Bianca and Lucentio in *The Taming of the Shrew*. Their romance lasted 64 years. He leaves Connii, two sons and their wives, four grandchildren, and a new great-granddaughter.

Norah lost her own husband last year and said that her heart went out to her old roommate. She is blessed to have her sons nearby when she needs help.

Connii and Norah soon sent word of another sorrow: Phelps Bultman, husband of their suitemate and BFF, **Betsy Thorne Bultman**, of Columbia, South Carolina, died May 31. Suitemates Connie, Norah, Betsy, and the late **Primma Turner French** and their husbands had long alternated hosting the group at their homes. Phelps, an architect, had a genuine interest in and knowledge of so many things that he was an extremely entertaining fellow, Connii said. The three surviving suitemates are grateful for their many years of glorious times all together.

Nan Riley Pointer '50 traveled the Amazon, saw pink river dolphins, went piranha fishing, and took school supplies to a primitive village.

Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly's husband, George, 97, has a few health conditions of concern, but Marion is happy to be able to help him as she realizes how lucky she is to have him. They enjoy being at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg, and Marion sees **Norvell Millner Thomson '48** there often. The Kellys planned to fly to Denver with daughter Ann and her husband to attend their grandson's wedding in May. Katie, their granddaughter in Australia, expected a baby in September.

Kathryn "KD" Wright Drake and Jim of Chattanooga, Tennessee, have moved into an independent living facility called Creekside on Shallowford. KD terms their new lifestyle "easy living" with three meals a day in a lovely, bright dining room, housekeeping provided and, if needed, caregivers for assistance. They both drive and are active in their church, and Jim plays golf. They attended their youngest granddaughter's high school graduation in north Georgia.

Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough enjoys life in Mechanicsville's Covenant Woods, with their frequent day trips to interesting places and events. She attended her grandson's graduation from Longwood and made June reservations for a stay in Yorktown with her five high school BFFs. She hoped to visit **Elizabeth "Liz" Barnes Hornsby** while there. In July, she planned to visit son Scott and his wife, Jenny, on Lake Washington, near Seattle. She requested that they make a boat trip to the San Juan Islands, cruise to view whales, and spend the night on one of the islands.

Unknown to most of our classmates, our co-reporter and BFF **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** had been in declining health in recent years. Over time, she began losing her ability to communicate, first in writing and then speaking. Hoping to keep her condition private, we continued to include her name in our heading. Last year, Andi had to give up her apartment at The Summit in Lynchburg and move into their assisted living facility. Last

summer, her good friend and suitemate **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** took her computer to show Andi our reunion pictures, offered online by the Office of Alumni Relations.

Word later came from Andi's son Hal that she fell and broke her hip last December. She was hospitalized and then moved into a rehab facility, where she made some small strides at walking with assistance. We had continued sending her cards and notes, through Hal's office, which he read to her. Through concerned communication among her sons and the few knowledgeable classmates, the sorrowful news came that on July 1, Andi had passed away. Even in our sadness came the realization of God's mercy in her release.

At MWC, Andi put her English major to excellent use by serving as editor of *The Bullet*. She married Donald Clayton Devening Jr. during our senior year, and we later made her firstborn, Clay, an honorary Forty-Niner, as he had been aboard as she crossed G.W.'s stage to receive her diploma. After graduation she soon produced four fine sons. When Andi and Don divorced, Andi moved her boys to Charlottesville in 1963 and began working at the University of Virginia. Finding she had a gift for guiding others, she obtained a master's degree in counseling from U.Va. in 1973 and provided her sons fine educational opportunities there as well. She retired from U.Va. as director of student affairs for the School of Nursing and returned to her beloved family home, Inverness, in Fauquier County. She concluded her career with a daily commute to her new position with the Social Security Administration in Falls Church.

She moved to Manassas when she married Keith Lyons in 1989. After his death, Andi relocated to Lynchburg to be closer to family. She was preceded in death by both husbands. Andi is survived by her beloved boys, their wives, and seven grandchildren, who were her pride and greatest joy. She was especially delighted to be followed to Mary Washington

by daughter-in-law **Wendy Allen Devening '68** and granddaughters **Andrea Blair Devening '04** and **Chelsea Devening '10**, who was elected class president all four years and to Mortar Board. A memorial service was held Aug. 29 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Manassas, followed by inurnment at St. Paul's in Haymarket. "And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Since we had not heard anything in recent years from Andi's roommate and BFF **Barbara Watson Barden**, we were in a quandary as to how to notify her of her dear friend's death. We turned to our good friend **Cynthia "Cindy" Snyder '75**, who has been invaluable over the years and retired last June from her nearly 25-year service as director of alumni affairs; she again came through with the information. We were grateful to finally learn about Barbara, although the revelation was so sad – she had passed away on March 25, only three months before her dear friend Andi's demise.

We remember Barbara's dedication to Mary Washington, her service as student government president senior year, her delightful dancing, and striking personality. A psychology major, Barb married Navy pilot Jeffrey Blodgett in December 1949 and they had a son. Jeff was killed in a plane crash in 1952. Barbara attended graduate school in Indiana and married Robert Barden in 1954. They ultimately settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1968. Barbara started the modern dance program at the Lancaster YWCA and became director of dance at Franklin and Marshall College, where she retired in 1993. Barbara is survived by Bob, three sons and their wives, a daughter and her husband, and eight grandchildren. Her daughter, Priscilla, teaches dance at Millersville University. Barbara's remembrance service for family and friends was held in April, with private interment.

May there be a heavenly reunion for Barbara and Andi, two forever friends. Now, for the last time, we end with our longtime closing: Love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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Few of our friends could attend our 65th reunion. Sorry I couldn't make

it. My thoughts were with everyone. **Marcy Weatherly Morris** arranged our class dinner at Jepson Alumni Executive Center's Kalnen Inn. To honor our 110 deceased classmates, for each name that was read, Marcy placed a dollar bill in a basket. She also honored **Florence Overley Ridderhof**, who won Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars' People's Choice Award, and me, for service as class agent. The money was to be donated to the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Rain during the Brompton reception soaked several of our group. After the filet mignon dinner, they called me. I spoke to Florence; Marcy and **Juney Morris; Carol Bailey Miller; Billie Mitchell Hanes** and daughter Diana, who brought her; and **Jane Frazier Snead**.

Betty "B.J." Vincent Sakes arrived with her son for the Saturday class picnic. Marcy and Juney's granddaughter, Kelly, decorated our tables in Dr. Seuss themes. Carol and the Morrises stayed for the all-class party and Sunday breakfast, with good food, shuttle buses from the hotel, and golf carts on campus.

Marcy's granddaughter Erin's Northumberland home burned. They lost everything, but they and their pets were OK. On the whole, Marcy and Juney's grandchildren and great-grands are doing great.

Marge Diener Knapp moved to a Doylestown, Pennsylvania, retirement community closer to her church and bell ringing. Other than breaking both shoulders, an arm, and her pelvis, and having a titanium implant for a left arm, she feels great. Marge recently lost friend Mabel, 103, with whom she played Scrabble.

Betty Gavett Breeden stays busy with church and singing but no longer does library work or

Kitty Keely Anagnost of Rivervale, New Jersey, spends summers in Maine. **Garland "Dorsey" Estes McCarthy**, in a Humble, Texas, garden club, sees **Betsy Gould '63** at church. **Gerry Boswell Griffin**'s daughter, Judy, lost her husband, 53, to pancreatic cancer last year but planned to stay in Phoenix.

Nan Riley Pointer traveled the Amazon, saw pink river dolphins, went piranha fishing, and took school supplies to a primitive village. They took a summer Norwegian cruise and visited a former exchange student.

Patti Head Ferguson's Santa Fe, New Mexico, house was being rented for two years. In spring 2014, she visited family in Dubai, then went to Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Before the holidays, she was off to India on the Railway Express, then to Cuba and Papua New Guinea.

Catharine "Kitty" Keely Anagnost, 86, and husband Jim, 90, spend winters in the New Jersey home they've had since 1958 and a few months in a Boothbay, Maine, cottage. Son-in-law Jim drives them up and back. Son Jason teaches math in Brooklyn. Daughter Alex, who teaches fourth- and fifth-grade remedial math, and Jim, who works in construction, live in Belgrade, Maine. Son Allan is a house husband; wife Linda works. Their daughter, Grace, 13, has a 4.2 grade point average, is active in many school activities, plays piano, and favors math. Son Robert Jon, a Stamford, Connecticut, accountant, and wife Maureen live nearby in the south of River Vale. Kitty said math isn't in her genes. It brings to mind dear Dr. Carter. What a chore he had trying to teach sine and cosine when his students' minds were on ensigns!

Nancy Tate Tossey '51 lives in Ohio, but for 20 years she's driven herself to Bonita Springs, Florida, to spend part of the winter.

drives. She moved to a San Diego retirement center, where her 11-year-old artificial knees appreciate the elevator. **Ginny Hardy Vance** moved to a one-bedroom, first-floor Tallahassee, Florida, apartment. Nephew Beau helps with transportation.

She created the Edinburg Virginia Heritage Foundation, resulting in its revitalization as a regional destination, and was consulted throughout the U.S. for her genealogical research. Two daughters, **Mary Wilson '83** and **Penelope Cottrell '77**, are Mary Washington grads. I received news that **Nell Grieve Swanson** of San Diego, California, died in February. Son Lynn died in January. Husband Capt. Charles Swanson died in May. Sympathies go to both families.

1951

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[Editor's note: Longtime class agent Roselyn "Rosie" Bell Morris submitted these notes in early summer. We're sorry to report that she passed away Aug. 30, 2015, and we offer our condolences to her family and friends.]

The years seem to race by. I can't believe we graduated 64 years ago.

Ohio is **Nancy Tate Tossey**'s home, but for 20 years, she's driven herself to Bonita Springs, Florida, to spend part of the winter. Her husband died several years ago, but her three children and their families remain close. Most of the UMW friends she kept up with have passed, but she still hears from **Virginia "Ginny" Peirce Carmichael**.

Beverly Steel Livesay's husband of nearly 60 years, C.S. "Sherb" Livesay, passed away last year. Their four sons, daughter, 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren got together last Thanksgiving. Beverly left Virginia in 1970 for her husband's work. They stopped in Illinois and Alabama but settled in the Atlanta area for 39 years. Their children are in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, so the Livesays didn't retire to Virginia. Beverly is in good health and able to stay in her home.

Betsy Smith Hughes had a good year despite husband Chuck's dementia. They've lived 10 years at Roland Park Place in Baltimore. Betsy says Chuck is safe and comfortable but would hate the life he lives now if he could understand it. Betsy manages publications and communications at Vane Brothers. Betsy's daughter Anne has re-created her Florida decorating business. Anne's son Chris DeCamp married Debbie Wang in November, and Anne's son Will, a San Francisco

financial analyst, married Libby Justice in March. Anne's daughter Sarah teaches Spanish and American history at Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland.

Betsy's son, Duff, and fiancé Katja of Cockeysville, Maryland, juggle the lives of Katja's children, Kristiana, Markus, and Claudia. Duff's son Charley is a Boys' Latin School senior and varsity lacrosse player. Duff's son Alex is a U.S. Merchant Marine Academy midshipman.

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Happy 60th! We had a great reunion in May. **Carol Cooper, Sally Hanger Moravitz, Gretchen Hogboom Fisher** and Skip, **Mary Margaret Papstein Carter** and George, Ann Strickler Doumas and Bill, **Barbara Trites Peterson**, and I were there. We enjoyed seeing the new buildings, walking around the beautiful campus, attending lectures, learning how UMW has grown, and a wonderful dinner at Seacobeck, which is no longer a cafeteria. Remember cheese macaroni and liver? We missed you all; somewhere ears were burning. News is getting harder to get; I'm starting back in May.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth took care of Cindy after hip surgery, became tired once she got home due to an ongoing thyroid problem, and was unable to make the reunion. In 91-degree June weather, she was sewing a wool sweater.

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Martha Lye Pitmann's husband, W.J., passed away last February, two months from their 59th anniversary. They had four children and seven grandchildren. Their sons have had successful careers in medicine and law; their daughters in interior design and marketing. Their oldest grandson graduated from the University of Kentucky's medical school.

Ann Strickler Doumas was invited to lunch at the Dahlgren campus for President Hurley's report on UMW. She met **Scott Jones '84**, who heads that campus, and discovered that his mother is **Jane Johnson Jones '55** of Oregon. The Doumases planned to travel to Texas for a

attend a July sacred dance festival in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Virginia Marco Hancock said, "60 years – WOW!" She's excited about the amphitheatre restoration and remembered that classmates from the pre-nursing program participated in May Day festivities there. Virginia said **Mildred Corum Campbell** died last April. A cardiovascular nurse specialist, Mildred sometimes worked with famous surgeons Michael DeBakey and Denton Cooley. Virginia and Mike planned to visit Winchester, with possible stops in Fredericksburg and Charlottesville.

I'm closing my business after 40 years of working and will miss the

Sue Canter '56 founded the Hawaii County Ronald Reagan Scholarship Fund, providing college scholarships for winners of a Bill of Rights essay contest.

beach house anniversary, then Normandy Beach in France on an October Smithsonian tour.

Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter said **Joan Ferrall Shaw**, **Lena French Fuller**, **Coralyn White McGeehan**, and **Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan** were unable to make the reunion because of health problems. We missed you.

Sara Jane Parcells Vignali, born and retired in Providence, New Jersey, taught nursery school for 26 years. Her three grandsons live nearby. Her three granddaughters live in North Carolina. Sara saw old roommate **Polly Stoddard Heim** of Lewiston, Idaho, who was visiting her sister, also an MWC graduate, in Long Island, New York. They had a phone conversation with suitemate **Ann Grubbs Blitchington**.

Ann Lou Rohrback Culwell of Oklahoma attended her great-grandson's May wedding. In April, she visited a friend who had a stroke, then came home, had problems of her own, and needs surgery. After 80, she said, things seem to go to pot! Amen to that. Rain flooded her office, damaging carpet and cabinets.

Sally Hanger Moravitz visited UMW for the graduation of granddaughter **Madeline Moravitz '15** and our reunion. She planned to

third-generation children I now have. We'll see what life brings. Did you know that UMW students call it "Mary Wash?" It will forever be "MWC" to me. Take care and be feisty!

1956

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After graduation, **Sue Canter** moved to NYC, did some off-Broadway acting, and took secretarial jobs to eat! She moved to California, worked on TV scripts, and was executive assistant to the producer for Red Skelton's company, handling the details of the foreign sale of his TV show. Sue bought a house in Hollywood Hills and became an NBC casting director. In 1972, she enrolled in law school at night and graduated in 1976 second in her class. She married her professor, Presiding Judge Earl Riley of the Los Angeles Probate Court, in 1975. They celebrated in Mauna Kea Beach, Hawaii, when she passed the bar. She served 13 years as assistant D.A. in Los Angeles County. Upon retirement, they split their time between Kona, Hawaii, and LA. Earl died in 2000, and Sue made Hawaii her full-time home, becoming secretary of Hawaii County and the State of Hawaii Republican Party. She

founded and funded the nonprofit Hawaii County Ronald Reagan Scholarship Fund, providing college scholarships for students chosen on the basis of essays on the Bill of Rights. She also personally helped 10 other students through college; one is a doctor in his residency at the University of Texas in Houston. Sue has traveled to 45 countries on six continents.

I connected with sophomore roommate **Dixie Moore Kirby** of Asheville, North Carolina. Her eldest daughter, Walker, is in Raleigh; the other two are in Sweden and San Francisco. Her granddaughters are in New York, England, and Raleigh.

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Jane Crenshaw Avera enjoyed an oceanfront winter vacation in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, a gift from children Scot and Lila. Thirteen family members traveled to the Caribbean coastline. Daughter Anne and family and son David and his lady friend are in California. Anne, husband Charlie, and their youngest son, Dave Shep, skied at their Lake Tahoe vacation home. Their middle son, Robbie, a UC

Michigan State 50th reunion. Mary Lou hears from **Mildred "Chick" Hallatt**, who started a class ahead but graduated with us, and **Ann Flanagan Gregory** of Virginia Beach.

Joyce Butler McKee Allen's children created the \$1 million endowed Joyce Butler McKee Allen Chair in Education in her honor at Davis & Elkins College. After Mary Washington, Joyce received her bachelor's and master's of arts degrees from North Carolina's Salem College. A retired educator, she's been a Davis & Elkins College trustee since 1992.

In November 2014, I moved from a second-floor apartment to a new first-floor apartment. I was hit crossing an all-way intersection. Neither driver was hurt, but it took 44 days to fix my car; I spent a lot of time calling the shop to express my opinion. I was a per diem therapist at Behavior Health Services at Winchester Medical Center until they turned the per-diem positions into one part-time position. "And so it goes."

1959

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Another year – where do they go? **Priscilla Brown Wordlaw** visited son Robert and family in Florida in May. Son Chris and wife Ryoko visited "Pete" in

Mary Lou Morris Wolsey '58 took a cruise from Lisbon to northern Portugal, southwest Spain, the Pilgrim's Way in Santiago de Compostela, and the Isle of Guernsey.

Berkeley graduate, flew to Paris after Christmas, took a course at the University of Barcelona in Spain, and planned to travel Europe. Their other son, Charlie B., a Navy lieutenant, owns a home in Beaufort, South Carolina. At 78, Jane said life is good and blessings abound.

Mary Lou Morris Wolsey took a spring cruise with Michigan State University alums, from Lisbon to northern Portugal, southwest Spain, the Pilgrim's Way in Santiago de Compostela, and the Isle of Guernsey. Her husband attended his 60th high school reunion and

summer. She's busy at church.

Patricia Gray Proulx's husband, Dan, sends news about their children and grandchildren with snapshots he's taken. **Anne Saunders Spilman** and Bob travel to visit their kids. Son Jim, wife

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Debbie, and their son Robert, who entered the Navy in January, live in Massachusetts. Jim and Debbie's daughter Lisa graduated from Endicott College, and their daugh-

dining room dinners. They'd been doing house repairs and replacements. A fractured bone in her right hand slowed Mary down a bit. At 95, Jack continues full steam

Julia Coates Littlefield '59 is a diocesan coordinator of United Thank Offering, a missionary arm of the Episcopal Church.

ter Laura is a Roanoke College junior. Anne and Bob's daughter Kathryn is in Charlottesville, where her daughter Nicole attends U.Va. Anne and Bob's youngest daughter, Karen Spillman Marmaras '88, and husband Peter are in Pennsylvania, where their daughter Anne is a high school senior, daughter Grace is a junior, and son John is in seventh grade.

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim traveled 5,000 miles in their RV last summer. They attended a February anniversary celebration in Atlanta and celebrated their 57th in March. Sally, daughter Ginny, and Ginny's children – Samantha and Andrew, who attend the University of West Florida, and Sara Kate – spent a week in Pensacola. In April they went camping with RV friends and took an annual Hawaii trip. Granddaughter Kelley, Richard's oldest daughter, graduated from USC. Richard, wife Angee, and youngest daughter Hannah participated in a martial arts demonstration in Clayton, North Carolina. In June, Sally and Jim visited son Steve, wife Cindy, and granddaughter Stephany. From Tampa, they visited St. Augustine, South Carolina, Blacksburg, Jim's brother's cabin on the Chesapeake Bay, the Erie Canal, and more.

Eleanor Markham Old's husband, Arthur, participates in the Sons of the Revolution, UMW Elder Study, and the Civil War Round Table. Son Jim, in consulting, won U.S. Lacrosse's annual Homer Schwartz Award and has volunteered for Tidewater-area and ODU club teams.

Mary Massey and husband Jack Meiners attended his sister's 65th anniversary in Gainesville, Florida, in May. They took a September West Virginia Road Scholar "Ride the Rail" vacation, with the Shay locomotive for the Cass Mountains ride and four-course old-time

ahead. They planned to attend this year's Meiners family picnic in Washington.

Ninety people came to **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** and Jim's 55th anniversary. Phyllis traveled to Rome, Florence, Pisa, and more; cruised the Strait of Gibraltar; and saw Lisbon and Madrid. Jim was home recuperating from open-heart surgery with care from Dave and Jay's families.

Barbara Barndt Miller and husband Wayne Seeley continue their trek between Pennsylvania and New York. Barbara had a relapse from a fracture in 2013 but pulled through. At Easter, her colt (from daughter Ann) had to be put down. They replaced her, and Barbara participated in the Devon Horse Show. In spring, Barbara and Wayne gathered firewood, gardened, and mowed eight acres. They traveled to Pennsylvania for horse shows, friends, golf, and Wayne's class reunion. In August, they met **Babs Woods, Donna Pethick**, and **Harriet "Ozzie" Mask '56** at the Warrenton horse show. In summer, they sawed, split, and stacked logs. Wayne said, "never again."

Sally Steinmetz enjoys retirement. **Joan Whittemore Louck** and Jim had a good year with no health complaints. They visited Virginia Beach in February, sold their beach condo in May, visited friends and family in Bridgton, Maine, and Wisconsin, and repeated their two-week trip to Mexico. They spent the holiday at home in Foley and planned to return to Virginia Beach.

When **Julia Coates Littlefield** celebrated Mo's 80th birthday in Lexington in September, daughter Bess and husband Mike brought corgis Breezy and Bentley. Their son, Scott, and his wife, Susan, from Augusta, Georgia, brought son Chris and daughter Mary Graham to spend Thanksgiving. Julia and

Mo missed seeing grandson Jack, who was to graduate from U.Va. this year. They were invited by VMI to the Battle of New Market 150th anniversary celebration, along with other descendants of cadets and faculty who fought in the battle. Julia is a diocesan coordinator of United Thank Offering, a missionary arm of the Episcopal Church. They help Appalachia's needy and have a mobile dental program for impoverished schoolchildren.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman and Alan were in Nassau at the beginning of the year and took a summer cruise to Alaska. Pug went home to Jackson, Mississippi, to visit friends and planned a trip to New York. Grandson Austin, oldest son of daughter Julie and husband John, is pursuing a doctorate in sports history at the University of Texas in Austin. Julie and John's daughter Francie, a fifth-grade teacher, graduated summa cum laude from USL and married Matt. Julie and John's daughter Sara is a high school junior looking at colleges. Smylie, son of Jeffrey and Pam, graduated from LSU and qualified to play in the U.S. Open in Pinehurst, where his brother Luckie, an LSU junior, caddied for him.

Marcia Phipps Ireland is exercising and doing better since falling on her back at Gary's reunion. Granddaughter Caitlen graduated from Villanova. Grandson Nick is studying to be a chef at New York's Culinary Institute of America. High school sophomore Larissa plays and coaches ice hockey. Gavin, 10, is teaching Gary to play chess.

Barbara White Ellis wrote that she's well. **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas** substitutes in kindergarten through third grade. **Lois Gaylord Allen** and Howard have great-grandson Angelo, 18 months.

Gloria Winslow Borden's arthritis is worsening but she doesn't plan surgery. In February, she took her three daughters and daughter-in-law to the Empress Hotel in Victoria, Canada, for a tea weekend. She spent Easter with oldest

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daughter Caroline and her family in California and met with **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** in San Diego. She took son Cliff on a July baseball tour for his 50th birthday. Cliff's daughter, Cynthia, her husband, Rob, and Gloria celebrated their birthdays at an Annapolis crab fest. Gloria visited Savannah and Stockton for the graduation of Rebecca, Beth's daughter. Gloria continues with church, community, and husband Ed's class activities.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks was still savoring the reunion and looking forward to the 60th. John had his second kidney removed in November, leaving him no choice but dialysis. Son John Karl helped during the week of John's surgery.

Barbara Gorden McNamee traveled in June through September from Montreal to Richmond, Brazil, California, Las Vegas, and Seattle. She still coaches swimming. Husband Bob is in two golf groups. Barb's daughter, Karen, and husband Tony were fixing a house by the water. Karen's daughter, Brittany, was married; Karen's Marine son, Ryan, returned from Okinawa. Barb's son, Howard, and wife Margie have Kelly and Kate in middle and high school.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn walks and visits neighbors with dachshund Moose. Mary drives Mason, 14, in eighth grade and almost 6 feet tall, to after-school activities and Burt to doctors' appointments.

Edie Weber Staib traveled to Paris with daughter Kathy and granddaughter Jenny. She met Al for a two-week trans-Atlantic trip home. For Christmas, 15 family members rented a Dominican Republic

Syd Collson Chichester '60 lives in Fredericksburg but spends much of the year in Vero Beach, Florida, where she volunteers helping elementary kids with homework.



villa with a pool, chef, house- and groundskeepers, and view of the Atlantic.

Frances Burke Firth hopes more will attend our 60th. Husband John finds them full of real people and neat activities.

Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs and Archie worked on their wish list in 2014, touring Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, and Easter Island. They took a Mediterranean cruise and a summer trip to France with granddaughter Anna, Tracy's daughter. Tracy's other daughter, Molly, was to graduate from MIT. Tracy and husband Andy enjoy retirement. Charlie's son Alan and wife Dale work and continue their education in Raleigh.

My grandson, Lucas, graduated from kindergarten and earned a Super Reader award. Daughter Virginia and husband Matt took him to Legoland Florida, and he loved it. After vacation, he fell off the monkey bars and broke two wrist bones. He was in a full arm cast but coping well!

I'm sorry to tell you **Irene Piscopo Rogers** lost husband Don in November, when **Kay Rowe Hayes** also lost her Don. **Cecile Duncan Tolan**'s John passed also. Our thoughts are with you.

1960

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We're sorry to report the loss of **Diane Hays Neuman** to lung cancer in March after a heroic eight-year battle. We send sincere condolences to her husband, her sister, **Lynne Hays**, and to **Sue Smith Goodrick**, Diane's college roommate, who kept us in the loop.

Many of you know that **Bonnie Davis Hall** was blindsided recently by a diagnosis of breast cancer. She had a successful lumpectomy followed by chemo and radiation. She has been overwhelmed by concern and love from friends, family, and classmates.

Jody Campbell Close said she blew it. All that hoorah about attending our 55th reunion, and she fell while reaching to get her suitcase for the trip. She had to stay home, but she's fine now. **Sue Smith Goodrick**,

with whom Jody shares memories of high school and college, told Jody she is still enjoying her beautiful home and gardens and planned a cruise on the Elbe River.

Jody missed meeting with **Pat Voelker Donnell**, who came all that way at her urging, and **Anne Angel McMarlin** and **Joyce Lerrick Casey**. Anne's husband, Bob, and Joyce's husband, Jerry, came too. Pat said the reunion was great fun, the campus still beautiful, and the events well-organized. Pat belongs to the Delphi Group, which meets to discuss current or historic events and study issues, philosophy, and policies. She edits the Delphian newsletter.

Syd Collson Chichester lives in Fredericksburg but spends much of the year in Vero Beach, Florida, where she volunteers helping elementary kids with homework. She also works at the "touch tank" of the

list. To all of you, please continue sending updates!

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From Connie: **Jerri Barden Perkins** wrote about the fantastic job UMW is doing on its travel-abroad scholarship program, which was presented at the scholarship donor appreciation luncheon April 11. At lunch Jerri sat with a student who had studied for a semester in Paris, a city Jerri loves. Jerri planned to fund a travel-abroad scholarship for a UMW student in memory of her husband. She also anticipated three trips abroad with teen granddaughters, sailing in the British Virgin

They sailed to Angola, Namibia, and South Africa, among other destinations.

This spring, **Kelly Cherry** published *Twelve Women in a Country Called America*, a collection of stories about Southern women. She and Burke are fine, though feeling overworked. Kelly had a nice chat with **Ellen Gotwalt Willing**'s hubby, Bill. Ellen was out exercising, which she does five times a week. For the first time in 23 years they did not spend the winter in Naples, Florida, because travel has become increasingly difficult for Bill. They occasionally go to dinner and the symphony, and they attend church weekly. He is sorry they probably will not make it to our 55th.

My doctors gave me the go ahead to go to Greece with my family over the summer. It was to be the first time for grandson Leo, 8, to meet the Greek relatives. For our first extended trip since my lung transplant, Andy and I went to Florida and caught up with **Carlotta Croghan Clark** and **Janie Riles**. Carlotta and hubby Preston spend six months in Fort Myers and then head back to Annapolis, Maryland. When they sold their lighting businesses, they bought a beautiful apartment in a community where they play lots of tennis. Janie and hubby Jim Dietz live in Fort Lauderdale and San Diego. They had just returned from a monthlong cruise in Asia, and Janie taught art classes aboard ship – all expenses paid! Janie planned to teach painting classes, garden, take bridge lessons, and enjoy her two little grandsons in San Diego over the summer.

From Renee: Well, it looks as if the only news this time is my own. I had a slight meniscus tear a few months ago. It is a painful thing, but following my doctor's orders I stayed off of it most of the time, iced it, and took Advil. He told me it would resolve in a couple of months. He was right, of course. Classes at UCLA continue – most enjoyable, and no tests! Cosmology/astronomy is fabulous. I also take courses in writing, current events, and the career of Barbra Streisand.

From Lynne: I have very little to report about myself; actually, I think that is good news, as it indicates we are in good health and still enjoying New York City and Connecticut.

Kay Slaughter '61 planned to visit Oxford, England, to learn about the influence of English gardens and architecture on Thomas Jefferson.

Environmental Learning Center in nearby Wabasso, Florida. Most visitors are first- through third-graders. The Environmental Learning Center is putting together a nature trip to, of all places, Cuba! She is tempted to sign up if she can cajole a friend or her daughter, the arborist/horticulturist/landscape designer, to join her. In May Syd joined friends on a senior bus trip to New York City. In June she visited with **Grace Hall Sullivan**, who shared freshman and sophomore years with us, and other friends to celebrate her birthday.

Karen Larsen Nelson went to Las Vegas in February for the marriage of one of her granddaughters. In mid-April Karen drove to Florida in their little trailer for the graduations of son Jim and his oldest daughter, Maggie, from the same college and both with degrees in secondary education. They went to national parks and had dinner with Jody.

We – Karen and Jody – keep in touch by email with almost everyone, but about a third of you don't get our monthly notes. If you have an email address, please send it to us so we can add you to our mailing

Islands, taking a Mediterranean cruise with UMW alumni in October, and visiting London and Paris for New Year's.

Bev Carlson Shea said Eric, her 13-year-old grandson, planned to visit from California for another whole summer.

Carolyn Crum Pannu texted **Pat Scott Peck**, who was on her way to see **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art in Hertford, North Carolina, where Carolyn had a delightful visit in 2007. Pat was driving from her new condo in San Antonio to Calais, Maine, where she has a summer home. Carolyn had just returned from Texas to see her grandson play baseball before all of that disastrous flooding. She was excited about our 55th reunion, and planned to room with Pat.

It was nice to hear from **Nancy Brooks Blevins**, who planned a trip to Greece, where her husband's family live on the island of Cephalonia. She has a daughter and son-in-law living in Italy now.

In November 2014, **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and Cliff flew to Barcelona and boarded the Seabourn Sojourn for 116 days.

Louise Couch Girvin '62 is in a group of women who crochet items for nursing homes, hospitals, and the homeless.

We planned a river cruise in late September from Paris to Normandy with friends. Sandy and I have enjoyed time with **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art in conjunction with the UMW Foundation. They planned to leave for Pompeii and Herculaneum in September.

Sandy Walters Julifs and Harold have four granddaughters. At the end of May, one of the Illinois girls graduated from high school and planned to attend the University of Alabama on a track scholarship. Her older sister was to graduate from the University of Missouri in December. Their California granddaughters are also graduates – one from high school (attending the University of Washington) and one from eighth grade.

Kay Slaughter planned to visit Oxford, England, in September to learn about the influence of English gardens and architecture on Thomas Jefferson. Kay had arthroscopy on her knee but hoped to dance at her grandson's wedding in Hampton in June.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins travels often, leaving New England during the brutal winters. I didn't get to see her last winter, as she stayed in New Jersey, Brooklyn, and Scarsdale rather than Manhattan. After that she visited her brother, a friend in Fountain Hills, Arizona, and her sister in Georgia, with the entire trip lasting two months!

Polly Updegraff Champ and Dan lost his oldest daughter to liver cancer last December; she was 62 years old. They were able to enjoy Palm Beach Opera's season as subscribers and donors. While in Florida they biked and walked daily and hit tennis balls with the machine. Polly works wardrobe for the Broadway series at the Bushnell in Hartford, Connecticut. They continue to care for their cottage on the Connecticut River.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland went on a fall 2014 cruise to the Bordeaux region, traveling through interesting countryside with chateaux and wineries. In February, she traveled to Sarasota to celebrate her grandson's 18th birthday and

graduation. She cruised again in May, this time on the Danube from Budapest to Nuremberg via Vienna. Eleanore lost her younger sister, **Patience Saunders Herren '64**, to a heart attack caused by emphysema. We send lots of love and condolences.

I ask that you all mark your calendars to attend our 55th reunion June 3 through 5, 2016.

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Thanks to those who took the time to send news despite changing deadlines, the temperature rising, thunderstorms roaring, and power outages in our electronic world! If you do not use email, a phone call or postcard would be most welcome, especially sharing new addresses or phone numbers.

Driving in the Outer Banks for the Fourth of July week with her children and eight grandchildren, **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor** received a call from **Sandra McGregor Craig**, who said she chats frequently with **Nancy O'Neal Robinson**. Nancy lives in California, and her

area alumni network. Her daughter, Dawn Carlisle Buckingham, was running for State Senate, District 24.

Louise Couch Girvin and John report that grandson Albert planned to enroll in technical college, grandson Jonathan was to attend Eastern Kentucky University, and granddaughter Emily is at the University of Kentucky. Louise is in a group of women who crochet items for nursing homes, hospitals, and the homeless.

At Fourth of July, **Nancy Powell Sykes** welcomed her two daughters to help finish her move to a beautiful retirement home in Newport News, the Chesapeake. Nancy had been a mathematician at NASA working with Kathleen's late husband, Barry Lisagor, in aviation. In March, Kathleen and a friend from NASA attended the Helicopter Association International in Orlando. **Peggy Downs Gerber** was in Orlando with her family, and she and Kathleen met for lunch. En route home, Kathleen visited **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** and Lou in their lovely home on Hilton Head Island.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice and Ed moved to Florida in late 2014. In December, their son married a woman who played soccer for U.Va. and who is a marathon runner. Daughter Carey educates the public about ovarian cancer as she continues her own battle.

Rosalie Alico Turner and husband Frank continue crisscrossing the country, seeing family and speaking to promote Rosalie's books. Her newest, out last summer, is *The*

Arlene Drescher Wilson '63 visited her roomie and friend of 60 years, **Betty Chilton Finkle '63**. They had a picnic on the beach at Big Sur, California.

newest granddaughter, Murphy, was born Feb. 1 to son Neal and his wife. Nancy planned a fall visit with Jerry and **Ann Tench Huml**. Sandra is delighted to give her 13-year-old granddaughter, Brighton, sewing machine lessons. Sandy serves with the Historic Houses Foundation in Virginia Beach, which sets policies and raises funds for the city's history museums. She had news of **Carlisle Allen Pearson**, who lives in Texas. She is the coordinator of the Austin

Winding Road. They sponsor a weeklong civil rights movement tour for 25 Texas A&M commerce students. Frank headed up the Historical Railroad Museum's gala opening in Tucumcari, New Mexico, his hometown.

Pat Mackey Taylor has five granddaughters and two grandsons. She continues taking classes at a local college in their lifelong learning program.

Nancy Cheek Mitchell's son, who had been working in China, has returned to the U.S., and Nancy was looking forward to having everyone together at Christmas. Her second granddaughter started college in fall 2014.

Barbara Elliot Adams and her husband raised five children and recently moved to a retirement community in Austin. Barbara sold real estate in Houston and sculpted and sold porcelain St. Nicholas figures. She is now a painting student and fondly recalled studying under Julien Binford at Mary Washington. One of his relatives lives in Austin and is a dear friend of Barbara's. At Christmas she reconnected with roommate **Carolyn White**.

Donna Floyd Parker was in Virginia in spring. She, her sister, and her brother made trips back to places of their youth. They had lunch with **Gale Taylor Drew** and husband Lewis, and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** and husband Eddie.

Jeanne Craig Gough and husband Bob spend time between their Albuquerque home and their cabin near Durango in the summer. Jeanne was in Jordan for two weeks digging at the Tall el-Hammam site near the Dead Sea. She and Bob traveled to Italy and saw cave houses, olive groves, and vineyards. On a trip east they visited the Mary Washington campus; Jeanne had not been back since the late 1970s.

With permission from **Reba Calvert Bayliss**, I am including information from a VMI publication that I received. The first Capt. Paul Bayliss 1960 Memorial Scholarship was awarded this spring. Brother Rats of the Class of 1960 established it to honor Capt. Bayliss, who was killed in action in Vietnam. Reba and son Patrick, a graduate of the Naval Academy, attended the presentation.

There is an old saying: "Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know that they are there!" Please keep sending news and making sweet memories!

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1963

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Peggy Martin Newcomb and John celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, and friends surprised them with a party. The milestone sparked a reminiscence about their family – they adopted three daughters, several years apart and from different parents. All were older children and all had been through trauma. Now, Peggy and John's grandchildren are graduating from high school and heading to college. "What a ride it has been!" Peggy writes.

From Linkey: I need to make a correction to the fall/winter 2014 notes. In my section under **Anne Rasmussen Lyles**, some of my news got mixed with hers. I (not Anne) attended my 55th high school reunion in Richmond and visited with **Sally Tarrant Bernert** and **Nancy Lee Leidy**. **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz** couldn't join us.

In June 2014, David and I visited Nemours, which was the Wilmington, Delaware, home of Alfred I. duPont. His third wife was Jessie Ball duPont, for whom Mary Washington's duPont Hall is named. I continue to enjoy AAUW and am a board member of the local library friends organization. David and I purchased a camping trailer last fall and traveled during the summer of 2014 to Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, and more. Before the trip I still had eight states I had not visited. We made it to seven of them. I guess I'll have to fly to North Dakota for lunch!

In January 2015 we went to California and had hoped to reconnect with **Barbara Scherberger Offerman** in Santa Barbara. **Kathy Friedman Levinson** and her husband, Sandy, spent this past winter in California instead of Florida so the three of us were to get together for lunch. I got sick, so

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Kay Barret Bilisoly '63 took a weeklong plein air painting trip to Spain.

I never saw either of them, but they had a couple of months together to catch up. Barbara wrote later that her recent travels have been in California going to Sacramento to visit son Steven and his family. Barbara has twin grandsons and a granddaughter.

Betsy Chamberlain Hartz wrote that she and **Nancy Lee Leidy** drove to Suffolk for a wonderful candlelight Christmas program that **Mary Saunders Latimer** and husband Art were in at their church. **Nancy Gibbs** drove up from New Bern, North Carolina, and has been coming to it for years.

In response to an email **Betsy Lydle Smith** sent about an article in *The New York Times* on the closing of Sweet Briar College, **Susan Rutan Joehnk** replied that she often thinks about MWC and wishes she could go back to that time – one of the best times of her life. When she applied to law school 20 years later, she was told that the school bumped up her GPA based on the quality of education in the 1960s.

From Betsy: Arlene Drescher Wilson of Nashville, Tennessee, had a great time visiting her roomie and friend of 60 years, **Betty Chilton Finkle**, in March. They hiked to the beach at Big Sur, California, for a picnic. Arlene also had lunch in Nashville with roommate **Julie Burch Southall** and her lovely daughter, Sherrod. They had fun talking about their years in Virginia and Bushnell dorms. Julie has forgiven Arlene for playing the ukulele during exams, a guilt Arlene has carried for decades! Meanwhile, life has led Arlene far from her major in medical technology. Arlene paints abstracts embracing elements of nature.

For **Lila Davis** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, 2015 has been a year of travel, to Florida in January; Texas and Utah in February; England, Wales, and Iceland in April; California and British Columbia in June; and Idaho and Washington in September. Lila is involved with Girl Scouts and received her 65-year pin last year.

Anne Rasmussen Lyles shared that on June 20, five alumnae from the classes of 1962 and 1963 gathered

in Charlottesville for lunch. Besides Anne, **Rosalyn Lester Murray**, **Clara Middleton Leigh**, **Lillian Ann Dix Smith**, and **Georgianna Malloy Hull** attended. All were home economics majors and went on to teach at the high school or university level.

Kay Barret Bilisoly took a weeklong plein air painting trip to Spain. Their group was in Barcelona for two days, then stayed five days in a beautiful seaside town called Calella de Palafrugell on the Costa Brava. Kay and Win also went to Charleston, South Carolina, to see their only grandson graduate from high school.

Nancy Slonim Aronie continues to teach writing workshops on Martha's Vineyard, at Esalen, Omega Institute, and in Costa Rica! She organized a tribute for 107-year-old poet Peggy Freyberg in April, and Nancy commented

of you who have email addresses registered with the Alumni Office will receive Betsy's and my uncut class notes. You can also read the unedited notes at magazine.umw.edu. If you'd like a reminder with some photos of class members emailed to you before the next deadline, email Betsy. Thanks to all who sent news. Let's hear from more of you!

1964

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1965

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Thank you to all who attended our 50th reunion. There were 75 registered from our class, which was the most of any class attending. **Penny Partridge Booth** and **Margaret Winton Engvall** coordinated events with the staff. For our class tent on Ball Circle, Penny built a telephone booth with help from a

Nan Grogan Orrock '65 was presented the Distinguished Alumna Award for her work as a civil rights activist and senator in the Georgia State Assembly.

about the poet on NPR and in an article in *Vanity Fair*.

Pete and I visited with **Susan Rutan Joehnk** and her husband, Karsten, in Seattle in June as they were headed to Alaska on a cruise. Pete and I planned to celebrate our 45th anniversary while sailing to Alaska through the Inside Passage in July. Between working part time and keeping up with twin grandsons, granddaughters, and my mom – who is now 97 and has macular degeneration, deafness, and dementia – I am trying to balance my life. I recently began a program called Strolls for Well-Being at the Bloedel Reserve, 150 acres of gardens and forest trails on Bainbridge Island. I planned to go on a weeklong annual retreat in August with a group of 10 women who've been getting together since 1995!

For cost reasons, some things are changing with the *UMW Magazine*, including shorter class notes. Those

contractor in North Carolina and had two mannequins dressed like ladies from the 1960s, including one wearing my MWC blazer. They represented the student who had phone duty and the one getting a call. There was a huge banner on the front of the tent saying, "Connecting with the Class of 1965." Our tent won first prize!

The weekend was full of great activities and we were thrilled that **Nan Grogan Orrock** was presented the Distinguished Alumna Award by the UMW Alumni Association for her work as a civil rights activist and senator in the Georgia State Assembly. As for who traveled the farthest to attend, **Susan Hand Longfellow** came from Seattle and **Pat Hartman Brownlee** came from near San Jose, California. As those of you who are on my mailing list know, I had solicited bios with selfies before the reunion. With the help of the Mary Washington staff,

Surgeon Goes Where She's Most Needed

As a senior trauma surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, **Susan Miller Briggs '65** had rehearsed a day like April 15, 2013, many times.

It would begin with an alert from Boston emergency dispatchers: Prepare for a mass casualty incident. Then hundreds of medical professionals would mobilize.

Briggs had responded to enough manmade and natural disasters to know that a city the size of Boston would someday face its own major crisis – some kind of terrible accident, she thought.

But she was horrified when two pressure-cooker bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring hundreds.

"I never thought it would be a bombing by people who are our own citizens," Briggs said. "That's the hardest part to take."

Briggs grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, just a short train ride from Mary Washington. She always wanted to be a doctor, an interest most likely sparked by her physician grandfather.

"I knew I would never have a desk

job or something that didn't involve people," Briggs said.

Medicine, she believed, was a practical, honorable profession, a way to spend her life in the service of others. First, she decided, she would become a nurse, a test run to prove to herself that she was capable. It would also give her the means to work her way through medical school.

Mary Washington, where she majored in biology, provided her with the education and life experience that would carry her through the next arduous decade and beyond. "It was just a wonderful environment," Briggs said. Without it, "I wouldn't have been ready for the demands of medicine."

She graduated from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Illinois in 1974 and completed her residency in surgery at Massachusetts General. There, she became director of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute and founded the International Medicine Surgical Response Team.

In 1986, Briggs joined Project Hope, an international health care organization. Her first trip with the group was to a refugee camp in Rwanda, where one

nurse provided care for thousands. It was life-changing.

She has since traveled to El Salvador, Armenia, China, Iran, Russia, Haiti, and many more sites to help victims of earthquakes, hurricanes, and transportation disasters. She was part of the first team from outside New York to reach Ground Zero after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We never thought something like that would happen on our territory," Briggs said.

Yet it happened again a dozen years later, this time even closer to home, near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. The bombing and its aftermath only strengthened her commitment to her profession and relief work, she said.

"I'm a general and trauma surgeon. It's not fair to the next victim not to go on."

— Kristin Davis

"I knew I would never have a desk job or something that didn't involve people."

- Susan Miller Briggs



When disasters arise, Dr. Susan Briggs is always ready to help.



Penny and Margaret produced booklets for everyone who came. I will send the pdf file of that booklet to everyone on my mailing list. If you are not on the list, please email me so that I can send it to you, too!

1966

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann
and her husband, Bob, were on the road for Thanksgiving and

Peggy Beeler Burns '66 is a guardian ad litem, a court-appointed spokesperson for neglected, abused, or abandoned children.

Christmas. They attended a gathering of the Bishop Clan at Bobbi's brother's home in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they had dinner on their mother's old dining table—sweet memories! In mid-December the Manns visited Bob's sister and brother-in-law in Huntsville, Alabama, and enjoyed dinner with Bob's nephews and their families. From there they went to Bob's other sister's home.

In January, Bobbi met with **Linda "Toddy" Todd Puller '67** in her office in Richmond's General Assembly office building as the assembly was convening. Sen. Puller served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1992 to 1999, when she was elected to the state Senate. She has since represented parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties. After turning 70, she announced her decision not to run for re-election. U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine commended Toddy for her "tireless advocacy for initiatives such as property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and Virginia's Wounded Warriors Program."

Bobbi received a nice letter from Milena Van Sant, widow of our beloved Dr. George Van Sant, in which she said Dr. Van Sant had been honored posthumously by a group of Virginia Republicans. They sent her a commendation citing his service as the chairman of the Fredericksburg Area Democratic Committee. She responded with thanks plus a wish that their welcome bipartisanship could continue in the future.

Carolyn Eldred contracted a new home near the UMW Stafford campus and enjoyed the progress of roof, walls, windows, doors, plumbing, electricity, and HVAC. When the home was completed, Carolyn moved from Silver Spring, Maryland.

Nancy Dean Wolff wrote from Seattle, Washington, that she enjoys reading about her classmates almost as much as she loves following the Seahawks. Her husband of 42 years passed away in 2010 from cancer. The following year Nancy

had a knee joint replacement and foot surgery, and was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. She was recovering from the surgeries and looking forward to walking easily again. Nancy planned to visit her Virginia relatives.

Ann Kales Lindblom joined the senior fitness class at Joint Base Fort Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia, and was surprised to find **Katharine Rogers Lavery** and husband Hank there. Ann took a

Linda Mitchell Spiers '66 is rector of an Episcopal church and chaired Connecticut's deputation for the General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

couple of weeks off in January to travel to San Diego, California, to help a dear friend celebrate her 90th birthday. About that time, Katharine's niece Lacy Katharine announced her engagement with plans for a summer wedding. Since Katharine makes bridal gowns for family members, she and Lacy planned a custom creation. In December, Katharine treated her North Carolina daughter and three granddaughters to a trip to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Peggy Beeler Burns travels from Florida to Washington, D.C., every three months to visit her young grandchildren, and she catches up with roomie **Pam Kearney Patrick**

while there. Last fall Peggy became a guardian ad litem, a court-appointed spokesperson for neglected, abused, or abandoned children. She has found it eye-opening to learn how many children exist in pathetic, sometimes dangerous situations. Peggy hopes this national program will grow to meet its great need.

Linda Mitchell Spiers is rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, Connecticut. She chaired Connecticut's delegation for the General Convention, in Salt Lake City, Utah, in July. After the convention, Linda started a three-month sabbatical. She planned to study in Jerusalem, spend time on retreat, and work on a project to complete her doctorate of divinity from Hartford Seminary.

Annette Maddra Horner and John spent time in 2014 with their young grandchildren, ages 16 months to 7 years, while living in Mooresville, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia. She routinely sees **Mary Parsons Black** of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Annette and John traveled to two weddings last summer, one in Durango, Colorado, and the other in Prague!

Dianne Twiggs Woodworth had a big 2014. Wonderful husband Chuck arranged a trip to Heidelberg, Germany, where they'd lived when their son, Scott,

was born. Chuck arranged for Scott and his wife to travel with them to Heidelberg, and on to Rome, Venice, Munich during Oktoberfest, and Paris. In August, close to Dianne's 70th birthday, Chuck took her to a wine tasting that turned out to be a surprise party with her dearest friends and relatives. MWC classmate **Diane Sheehan Green** attended.

Terry Caruthers loves life at Lake Norman, North Carolina, where she is president of the 250-member social club the Golden Girls. Husband Don plays saxophone with the Lake Norman Big Band. In summer, Terry and a group of high school friends had a 10-day adventure in Moscow and St. Petersburg,

visiting another high school friend and his Russian wife. Terry and Don spent a week in Marco Island, Florida, and a week in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Terry got caught in a rip tide and was carried 450 yards out into the ocean, but is recovered from the scare. She was looking forward to her grandson's early high school graduation.

Diana Hamilton Cowell and husband Dan have sold their great home in Huntington, West Virginia. Now fully retired in Bethany, Delaware, they have filled their calendars with volunteering, community activities, and travels. In May, with Diana's Mary Washington roommate **Margaret Winton Engvall '65** and family, they attended a reunion at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where their fathers were cadets. Diana traveled to France in July to Bethany's sister city, Periers. And she and Don went out West with friends to visit the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Yellowstone National Park, and Salt Lake City.

A few days before the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust, **Susan Roth Nurin** volunteered at a luncheon for Holocaust survivors in Brooklyn, New York. It touched her to listen to their chatter in Yiddish, a language she hadn't heard conversationally since childhood. Musicians played Yiddish songs, and the elderly survivors rose from their chairs and began to dance! Susan was moved to tears to see that after the unthinkable horrors of their earlier lives, they could still find happiness in dancing.

Nancy Shackelford Jones and James celebrated the marriage of daughter Alexandra Shackelford Jones and Nicholas Yates Thorne on June 6 in Richmond, Virginia. Alexandra graduated from Yale University and is an MBA candidate at Harvard Business School. Nancy is a docent emeritus of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and a past president general of the Colonial Dames of America. James is a senior counsel in Richmond for Hunton & Williams.

1967

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Cary Jones Carlson and husband Ed have been retired from the National Park Service for over

Sally Guy Lynch Brown '68 was awarded the Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement by the Garden Club of Virginia.

20 years. They met at the Grand Canyon, where he was a ranger and she was a naturalist. They worked at Sequoia, Joshua Tree, and Pinnacles national parks. They retired to Santa Fe and after a dozen years moved to Salida, Colorado, a small, artsy town in the Rockies. Cary has become a landscape oil painter. She hikes all summer and skis in winter. She's reminded of the fun MWC Outing Club activities (hiking, skiing, canoeing, and caving) that shaped her love of the outdoors. She and Ed owned motorcycles and campers for touring all over the country, mostly to national parks. In September 2014 it was wildlife quests in Yellowstone and Grand Teton. In early 2015 it was bird watching and beaches along the Texas Gulf Coast. Unfortunately, now Ed is fighting cancer, so they are traveling a new and not chosen road.

Yvonne Milspaw is retiring after about 42 years of teaching college. She's looking forward to practicing the three Ns—Novels (reading them), Napping (taking them whenever), and knitting. She and husband Doug Evans are looking forward to leisurely travel and visits with their grown children. Yvonne's email address is yvonne.milspaw@yahoo.com.

Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in June 2015 and are enjoying being retired together. Their three daughters, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, grandson-in-law, and two great-grandchildren all live in South Carolina, so they get to spend great times together often.

1968

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As keynote speaker for the UMW Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon in April, **Carol Muldoon Martel** spoke of living abroad as a student and her career in international business. Carol and husband Carlos have established a UMW scholarship for international studies.

Rhoda "Dodo" Fisher Roberts has lived in Wilton, Connecticut, for 43 years and is still fully employed at UBS. She travels for work and pleasure and spends as much time as possible on Nantucket. Daughter Nell was married in June. Both daughters live in New York, so she sees them often. If Plan A happens (retiring at age 70), Dodo looks forward to downsizing and having more time to travel.

After many years of leadership roles in the Garden Club of Alexandria, **Sally Guy Lynch Brown** was awarded the Massie Medal for Distinguished Achievement at a ceremony in Norfolk last May. She has been president of the Garden Club of Virginia and is now a board member of Preservation Virginia and a benefactor and volunteer for Mount Vernon, Stratford Hall, and Menokin Plantation.

Pam MacPhee Gibert and Paul are head-over-heels in love, not just with each other but also with grandchild Caroline, born in April. They were sure they would never be grandparents so they had "adopted" a few grandchildren of friends. Then their son married the love of his life, and they delivered this beautiful baby girl.

Suzy Blankenship Capone and husband Cap work in Boston at their insurance companies and head to Connecticut on weekends to play golf and see friends and family, especially their favorite 10-year-old grandson. Cap is a grateful survivor of 9/11; he was in the second tower of the World Trade Center. The Capones have built a house in Southport, North Carolina, to escape the Boston winters.

Jill Robinson Burkert loves her work as an associate professor and program director in special education at the University of Alaska Southeast, where her grandson is finishing his degree as well. She flies throughout the state to support teachers in remote Alaskan native villages. Jill was appointed to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and volunteers as a court-appointed advocate for kids in the judicial system.

Susan Blosser Wight and husband Richard are world travelers – New Zealand and Capri in 2015 – and devoted golfers. She is a longtime member of the Garden Club of Virginia and is a flower arranger and flower show judge. Susan graciously hosted a small gathering of '68ers in June at her home in Virginia Beach.

Anne Tooke's big news is a Gordon setter puppy, and she finds her new life to be "exhausting, but joyous." Anne and Brooks are retired and live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Judy Boyce Perry and Steve live in Portsmouth and enjoy traveling, most recently to Italy. Judy has had an interior design business for 15 years. She is on the board of the Elizabeth River Project and on the Garden Club of Virginia Restoration Committee, which oversees landscape restoration of historic Virginia gardens.

Pam Tompkins Huggins and Jim welcomed a grandson and granddaughter this year, bringing the total to five. One daughter lives in Virginia, one in North Carolina,

hers in South Boston, Virginia, and she has a great photo on Facebook with herself and **Carol Greenwood Trejo, Karen Dyer Kessler, and Betsy Crews Neilson**. They all attended Halifax County High School. You would never know they are grandmothers from looking at the photo!

My spouse of 36 years, Ann Benson, suggested that she and I kick off a Class of '69 UMW scholarship based on need and merit, as I benefited so greatly from the scholarships I received. I hope all of my '69 classmates will participate, no matter how small or large, by 2016 so we can meet our first '69 scholarship recipients at our 50th college reunion in 2019. Now that I am retired and have sold my company to 42 employees, Ann and I are doing folk music concerts again like we did 35 years ago in Dallas before we moved to California. We have a five-piece band, More Joy, and we sing at least one protest song per concert. It is in our blood.

Regina Sneed is in San Francisco and is excited about the legacy scholarship. She attended the

Iris Harrell '69 and spouse Ann Benson revived their folk band, More Joy, and sing at least one protest song per concert.

and one in California. Jim is a retired radiologist and volunteers with hospice. Pam has been a community volunteer for 32 years. She's focusing on education and advocacy for the underserved in the Staunton area. She is active in her church and is also part of a speaker's bureau. Pam says, "I'm loving my life and am beyond grateful for my blessings, among which are all of you. Class of '68 rocks!"

We would love to see your name in this column next time! Submitted by Sally Monroe Kelly (sallykelly521@gmail.com) and Donna Sheehan Gladis (dsgladis@gmail.com).

1969

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Mary Wash's Class of '69 is still rocking and rolling. Most of us at least debated going to our 50th high school reunions in 2015. **Phyllis Newby Thompson** had a blast at

UMW alumni dinner for Northern California. Regina is enjoying retirement from her position as an attorney with the U.S. Department of Education.

Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness went on a two-week Mediterranean cruise with UMW roommate **Barbara Macon Sacha** and husband Tom last fall. Suzanne and I have been actively involved with a much younger alum in getting the Northern California UMW chapter up and running.

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions to class agents:

- For spring/summer issue:
Dec. 15, 2015
- For fall/winter issue:
June 15, 2016



Betty Wade Miles Perry went on a pilgrimage to Guatemala sponsored by the Seekers Church in D.C. They built a library and communications center in a mountain village while staying in Antigua.

Lyn Howell Gray and husband

Betty Wade Miles Perry '69 was part of a church group that built a library and communications center in a Guatemalan mountain village.

Jim bravely and without hesitation returned to Liberia after the Ebola outbreak declined. They evacuated by orders from their employer and returned the minute the ban was lifted. Most of their incredible life's work has been in Liberia.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick and I planned to attend our 50th high school reunion in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in October. Anne introduced me to the music of The Beatles just before they appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. We knew from first hearing the 78 rpm record of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" that they were going to be a huge hit.

Anne and her UMW roommate **Jeanine Zavrel Fearn** met **Suzi Bender Winterble** and **Toni Turner Bruseth** in Austin, Texas, for their annual reunion. They have stayed in close contact for more than 45 years. Anne also went to her South Carolina State Daughters of the American Revolution conference in March. She sat next to another Mary Wash grad, **Elva Pitsenbarger '58**. DAR discussions disappeared into lively remembrances about men on campus (male alert!), U.Va. boys, Seacobeck, etc. Elva got her degree with post-WWII government grants by going to college in the summer and working during the winter. Elva is the South Carolina media historian.

Bev Holt and partner Debbie Alpert celebrated Bev's mom's 90th birthday a few months ago. Her

mother is Willie, and she is still beautiful.

Betty Olander Adams' report was very short: "Life is good." That tells the whole story for a lot of us fortunate and educated women from the Class of '69!

and Bob, and **Mary Jane Johnson Tyler** and Hugh, in Charleston, South Carolina. Martha and Roger's daughter Debbie graduated from Radford and enjoys her job at Trust House while working on her master's degree in social work; daughter Beth lives in Atlanta with her husband and three teenagers; and daughter Suzanne does book and paper restoration.

Barbara Forgione Tansey enjoyed a four-day getaway to New York City with daughter Lisa. Barbara had two foot surgeries last year, but she recovered nicely and attended several activities at our 45th reunion.

From Anne: Our class thanks **Carole LaMonica Clark** for her many years of service as our class agent. She did an outstanding job sharing our news with us! I hope that I can do half as well. Please keep me informed by email or card—even a Christmas card.

About 35 members of our class attended our 45th reunion, and we had a wonderful time reminiscing. Friday night we had our class party at the beautiful home of Bill and **Terrie Young Crawley '77**, where we viewed a slideshow from our college days put together by **Susie Duffy DiMaina**. Susie also had designed and ordered T-shirts for us. We would love to see all of you in 2020 at our 50th reunion.

Richmond so she can be nearer to her three grandchildren, ages 6, 4, and 1. She plans to split her time between Richmond and Kiawah, South Carolina.

Rochele Hirsch, author of *Relationship Chemistry: Understanding the Unspoken*, is driving across the country to the West Coast to research cravings. **Gabby Pagin** planned to retire after 45 years with a child support program. She is an avid cyclist for charity and fun, and she travels annually. Her most recent trip was to Costa Rica.

Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud chairs the UMW Foundation Board of Directors and was just re-elected to her third term. She is also on the search committee for the new president of UMW. Kathy stays busy with nine grandchildren, ages 5 to 13.

Laurie King Myse splits her time between Sarasota, Florida, and Stafford, Virginia. **Sharon Arthur Spencer** has a granddaughter and daughter in Dallas. She retired as a full-time faculty member at Pensacola State College but will return to work part time as assessment coordinator.

I stay busy with grandchildren and traveling. John and I just welcomed our fourth grandchild, Charlotte Rose LeDoux, in February. Last October I traveled to Mongolia

Kathi O'Neill '70 planned to retire from her job of 42 years and start a consulting business for nonprofits.

Elaine Wilson Maloney has two grandchildren, ages 3 and 1½. She is a school librarian for Fairfax County, and husband Mike is executive director of the Organization for Autism Research. **Barbara Forgione Tansey** is retired, lives in Chesapeake in an over-55 community, and has a 3-year-old grandson, Bodie. **Tilly Thiel** is enjoying life with three grandchildren, baby boy and girl twins and a baby boy. She plays lots of golf. She traveled to China this year and had a wonderful time.

Jean Burges Botts lives in Charlottesville. **Kathi O'Neill** planned to retire from her job of 42 years in August and start a consulting business for nonprofits. **Tina Kormanski Krause** is leaving Northern Virginia and moving to

with some girlfriends, and it was an amazing trip! We slept in gers and even a teepee! My mailing address is Anne LeDoux, 1113 John Paul Jones Drive, Stafford, Virginia, 22554. Hope to hear from you!

1971

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The countdown has begun for our 45th reunion in 2016. Any ideas for a theme or ideas in general, send to me and also to the Facebook page to share.

Terry Tucker Young and I reconnected under sad circumstances during the illness and passing of a friend to many of us, **Sylvia Schwab**,

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Ambassador's Eventful Career Started at Mary Washington

Rose McCartney Likins '81 had been ambassador to El Salvador for just five months when a 7.6-magnitude earthquake hit in January 2001. Highways crumbled, homes shook apart, and the Central American country needed help urgently.

But with a new presidential administration just arriving in Washington, Likins would have to fight to keep the country's plight in the forefront.

She flew to Washington and walked the halls of the State Department, knocking on doors and talking to anyone who would listen. And she arranged for George W. Bush, just weeks into his presidency, to meet with the Salvadoran president at the White House.

With the resulting United States financial support and help from non-governmental organizations, communities in El Salvador rebuilt infrastructure and rehoused 100,000 people. The efforts stemmed a potential mass migration and strengthened U.S.-Salvadoran ties.

The earthquake was just one crisis Likins handled in an eventful diplomatic career that also featured an ambassadorship to Peru and top State Department positions.

Every step of the way, Likins – now retired – had to assess people and situations, think creatively, argue persuasively, and help opposing parties find common ground. "I wouldn't have been prepared to make that contribution if I hadn't laid the foundation at Mary Washington," she said.

As a Spanish and international relations major, she challenged herself on campus and off, earning membership in Phi Beta Kappa and completing a senior-year research internship in Washington with political experts Rowland Evans and Robert Novak.

She took the notoriously difficult Foreign Service examination as a Mary Washington junior, expecting that she'd have to repeat it several times. But she passed on the first try, and by the end of senior year she had

security clearance and a diplomatic job waiting.

She delayed her starting date just long enough for graduation and her wedding to John Likins '81. They'd met as freshmen, bonded over study sessions in the lobby of Mason Hall, and dated all through college.

"When you join the Foreign Service, your whole family joins," Rose Likins said. "My husband was willing to take this where it went."

That meant postings to Mexico, Paraguay, Bulgaria, El Salvador, and Peru, with assignments in between at the State Department.

John Likins, who majored in geography and sociology, forged his own career in government and consulting. He has been "such a wonderful partner in this whole adventure," Rose Likins said. They have two sons, James and Kevin Likins '15.

Two years into retirement, Likins is pursuing a master's degree in library science and serves on the board of the Mountain Institute, a nongovernmental organization that addresses challenges of communities in the Andes, Himalayas, and Appalachians.

In 2005, she was UMW's commencement speaker and was named a distinguished alumna. She and her husband consider their Mary Washington years invaluable.

"We both say we are the models for a liberal arts education," Likins said. "There's no cookbook, no recipe that says, 'If this happens, you do this.' It's a case study for knowing how to learn."

- Laura Moyer

During the 2012 U.S. presidential election, Ambassador Rose Likins was interviewed live on Peruvian television.



As ambassador, Likins had to think creatively, argue persuasively, and help opposing parties find common ground.

'81



Barbara Halliday '71 is mayor of Hayward, California, in the San Francisco Bay area.

in March 2015. Terry has had two shops in Northern Virginia called Doodlehopper 4 Kids. They were voted the No. 1 toy store in the area. Terry's Zen is pottery, and in July she planned to attend a ceramics workshop in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Terry belongs to a studio in Arlington, and she ran into **Jane Touzalin** and **Margie McDonald** there. Another classmate, **Pat Naybors Whitehead**, shows in area galleries, and they see each other a few times a year. Phil, Terry's husband of 33 years, is in real estate, and she has two stepchildren, a DJ and a TV producer.

I had a note from **Susan Brown Lohin**, who is still at Wellesley in Massachusetts. She wrote about a high school friend, Delilah, who lives here in York. It turns out that Delilah lives only seven houses away from me, and we have become walking buddies.

Barbara Halliday is mayor of Hayward, California, in the San Francisco Bay area.

Penny Falkowitz Goldstein and husband Dan have been in Alaska for over 30 years. Penny had been a health and safety professional for BP but had also worked for the U.S. Army, USDA, Forest Service, and ARCO. Penny was in Louisiana for the oil spill cleanup and also worked the North Slope for six years. Dan worked for both the FAA and TSA as a budget and logistics specialist. Since retiring, they have a full house as foster parents and grandparents. She and Dan sit on the boards of local nonprofits. Their son has been studying to be a rabbi. Penny stays in touch with **Anne Patterson**

Penny Falkowitz Goldstein '71 and Dan are foster parents and sit on the boards of nonprofits in Alaska.

Mackinnon and Pattie Neyland Reams.

Betsy Pfromm of Pasadena, California, heads a mental health center affiliated with the USC Keck School of Medicine. It has been recognized for leadership in prevention, early intervention, and minority services. Betsy has also spent

some time in Phuket, Thailand.

Debbie Oja Tuttle and Ed will celebrate 33 years of marriage. They retired from Washington, D.C., 16 years ago, and moved to Sunset Beach, North Carolina. The beach is a zoo in the summer, so they also bought a condo in the mountains on a golf course in Linville, North Carolina, near Grandfather Mountain.

Several of us including **Liz Keith** and **Barbara Exline Staller** have reconnected thanks to Words With Friends, a fun way to stay in touch. We planned a reunion in October when Liz was to come east for a wedding.

Let us all keep Sylvia's family and Sylvia in our prayers and thoughts as we do all our departed classmates.

1972

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Greetings from Baltimore, everyone. **Nancy Mahone Miller**, **Terri Hall Alford**, **Shirley Harris Sutton**, **Kathryn Ray**, **Mary Saunders Williams**, and **Anne Toms Richardson**

Richardson took a fantastic trip to Scotland recently. The pictures on Facebook are totally awesome. We owe our alma mater so much because of the friendships we formed during those years.

I am fortunate in having **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and **Norah Heckman '73** in my life. They were a strong support this past winter after my mother passed away. Cheryl and her husband, Dave,

moving to Atlanta from St. Louis. Thea is an active equestrian and works for a theater in St. Louis. Cheryl and Dave stay busy with the farm and animals. They added a new horse to the menagerie, and he has the Secretariat bloodline.

It was a nice surprise to hear from **Mary Buckingham Lipsey**. We used to see each other at Mary Washington around the Baptist Student Union and the church we attended. Mary and her husband, Chris, live in Springfield, Virginia, and Chris works for the USDA. Mary retired after teaching history for more than 30 years but keeps busy volunteering.

In 2010, Mary stumbled upon a largely unknown story that happened in 1908 in Fairfax Station. Dr. William Christmas built and flew a plane, making him the third American to fly. After 3½ years of research, she published *A Christmas Flight: Aviation Pioneer Dr. William Christmas* in April 2013.

In April, Dennis and I visited friends and family in California. It

February temperatures. I'm learning constantly and have a new colony started. In May we visited Kauai, a beautiful island but a very long trip from the East Coast.

Janet Hedrick is director of development for the School Nutrition Foundation, a national organization of 55,000 members. Her job takes her throughout the country as she plans and delivers conferences. She enjoys her lilac-crowned Amazon parrot, Cody, who can say "I love you" and "Give me a kiss." She is active in her church and volunteers as newsletter editor.

Janet continues the traditional Thanksgiving visit with **Sharon Richmond Janis**. Sharon lives in a retirement community in Greensboro, and would love to hear from classmates. Her address is 4100 Well Spring Drive, Apt. 2120, Greensboro, NC, 27410. She does not use email.

Virginia Addison and Will welcomed their fourth grandchild in May. **Karen Parker** is the executive director of Advantage Wellness & Recovery, providing individual

Janet Hedrick '73 is director of development for the School Nutrition Foundation, a national organization of 55,000 members.

was a marvelous break after such a cold winter. I continue with my job at the law firm. We have been dividing our time between Baltimore and Roanoke as we plan to relocate to my mother's home.

1973

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There is sad news from two of our classmates. In 2014, **Susan Jacobius Davis** lost daughter Amy, and **Bambi Creighton Willis** lost husband A.G. Those who kept up with Susan or chatted at reunions know that Amy was a special person and their relationship a strong one.

Those who knew A.G. may share Bambi's memory of him engineering the fall of the balloons at our ring dance to the beat of "Aquarius." Our thoughts are with them both.

I'm the interim organist at my church and have dusted off my oboe to join a community band. My honkeybees did not fare well in the frigid

whole health management, advocacy on disabilities, information, and possibilities to enhance overall well-being. She is also an independent contractor and volunteer in the field of behavioral health, and she advocates for rights and services to help people live independently.

1974

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Christine Haberstroh DeYoung has been living in Northern Virginia since her marriage in 1977. She is a program director for the EPA's Superfund Contract Laboratory Program. They run the sample management office that supports the EPA in cleaning up hazardous waste sites. Husband Jay sold his software business a few years ago and is retired. Son Jon is a writer and is attending Florida State working toward a Master of

Fine Arts, and daughter Kate is a researcher and is at American University working on a master's. Christine is looking forward to retiring in a couple of years and moving south, maybe as far as Virgin Gorda! Christine had dinner with **Mary Hutchison Wilson** a year or so ago. She transferred to William and Mary after our sophomore year. She works at the CIA. Her daughter is an actress and

a long time, and it was a treat. Bettiann is an administrative senior teacher with Hanover County public schools. She gets to teach a couple of classes and is the administrator for the math department in her school. This summer, Bettiann planned to visit London, Normandy, Loire, and Paris. She loves *Wicked* and had tickets to see it in London. If anyone has contact information for **Andrea Hendricks**

Cynthia Gorwitz '74 is a retired social worker and is involved in Democratic Party politics and social issues.

her son works in finance, both in New York.

Mary Margaret McVeigh Canale writes that her older son, Alex, married Julie Groark in November. Both are teachers. Mary and Dave's younger son, Brendan, lives and works in Baltimore. Mary and Dave traveled in Sicily in April. They are both still working. She looks forward to being on campus in May for her goddaughter's graduation.

Cynthia Gorwitz lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and has two great children attending North Carolina colleges. She is a retired social worker and is involved in Democratic Party politics and social issues.

Diane Harvey Smith reports that second son Ben was married beachside in Destin, Florida, in April. Ben and his bride will live in New Delhi for three years. Diane is a bit concerned about the distance, but she has always wanted to go to India. Older son Adam and his wife live in Northern Virginia. Diane and husband Steve continue to work on their retirement home in Leedstown, Virginia.

Julia Blair Geier said she still lives in the Northern Neck of Virginia, in White Stone. She has five granddaughters, ages 5 months to 5 years. Husband Bill refurbished their 20-year-old, 65-foot catamaran, and they planned to sail south in fall. Julia says her dear friend **Barbara Wilson Conley** and husband Lloyd recently moved from Midlothian, Virginia, to Solomons, Maryland.

Bettiann Aylor writes that the group who worked on the 40th reunion did a great job. She had not seen **Nancy Jones Brown** for

Shannon, Bettiann would love to touch base with her.

Pat Denton Rounds retired from the Chatham County public library system on her birthday and planned to move to Cherryville, North Carolina, to be closer to her daughters.

Marci Alexander Anderson wrote to class notes for the first time. She retired in January after 39 years as a speech and language pathologist. She has been proud to work with children and adults in outpatient clinics, public schools, a rehabilitation facility, hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, a facility for the deaf, and more. Marci and husband Danny hiked in Utah's Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks in May. They looked forward to a two-week riverboat cruise through Germany in August. Marci also planned to join tennis friends on a trip to the U.S. Tennis Open in New York. She helps her mother, who turned 93. She keeps in touch with **Cassy White Holcomb** in Washington state and **Judy Clark Hays '76** in North Carolina. She ran into freshman suitemate **Mary Kay O'Keeffe Beasley** at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in Richmond during Easter. All are doing well.

Katherine R. "Jill" Hadden has been in Atlanta for 29 years. She works two part-time jobs. She's been into board gaming for seven years, and she recently attended a five-day Game-O-Rama convention in Atlanta and had an absolute blast! Jill tries to keep up with **Norah Heckman** and **Patricia Barnett Millard**.

Peg Hubbard reports that at our

35th reunion a group of Jefferson Fourth West residents vowed to schedule annual reunions, and 2015 marks the seventh year in a row that they have gathered. Between the 35th and 40th reunions, they spent fun-filled weekends in four different East Coast cities. They returned to campus and enjoyed Reunion Weekend activities and dorm life in Mason. Besides Peg, the group included **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, **Karen Sunnarborg**, **Jonette deButts Hahn**, **Nancy Pederson Trzcinski**, and **Deb Ryan Howard**. **Susan Tyler Maguigan** was unable to join them this year because her eldest of three daughters, Caitlin, was nine months pregnant. Susan and husband Tim welcomed their first grandchild in June, a boy.

1975

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Natalie Whitcomb has been appointed a coordinator for the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System. She reviews new courses submitted by state-supported institutions of higher education. Natalie teaches geology, oceanography, and environmental science at Polk State College in Winter Haven, Florida. Daughter Rachael graduated from Johns

received his master's degree in computer engineering and started working for Apple. Daughter Ellen passed the California bar and is working in San Diego. Son Chris was deployed last year to the Philippines, but is now back at MIT—safe and doing well. Michael and Andrew work in San Diego. Bob and Maureen have seven grandchildren. Bob just opened a new law office with one partner. Maureen and Bob still do a lot of swimming and during warm weather do ocean swims before work.

I'm happy to announce that Ian and Vickie, our son and daughter-in-law, are parents of our second granddaughter, Lucy Grace, born in June. In August, daughter Taylor began a 12-month nursing program for her BSN at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. We had a great group at our 40th class reunion this past May! If we missed receiving your news in time for this update, please send your news for the next issue!

1976

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Donald Mulcare retired from NOAA in 2008. He was an adjunct professor in the geographic information science program at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi,

Carol Pappas Bartold '75 works at Picturehouse, an independent film distributor in Bronxville, New York.

Hopkins with a master's degree in public health in May. Son Eric works for the University of Florida Citrus Research Center.

Carol Pappas Bartold works at Picturehouse, an independent film distributor in Bronxville, New York. It helps keep her in the world of accounting, which she loves. Carol had an essay published on the *Prairie Schooner* blog in May. She is still happily writing for *My Hometown Bronxville*, covering local government, education, and land use.

Maureen Argo Marks was sorry to have missed our 40th reunion, but she and husband Bob had planned a cruise to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Maureen is still working primary care for Kaiser. Son Daniel

until 2013. He moved to Florida to be with his mother, whose health was declining.

Kathy Valentine lives in Annapolis, Maryland, with husband Paul. She left her consulting work and started a full-time job as desktop and mobile applications manager with the law firm McKenna Long in Washington, D.C. She can work from home. Her daughter turned

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Family Channels Sorrow Into Kindness Effort

Richard Edwin-Ehmer Specht, known to his family as Rees, was supposed to start swimming lessons in the winter of 2012. Growing up on Long Island with a pond in the backyard, it was natural that the toddler should learn to swim.

But in October 2012, the unthinkable happened. Rees, just 22 months old, wandered away from the house and drowned in the backyard pond.

In the days after the tragedy, Rees' father, **Richard Specht '97**, clung to the counsel of a relative who'd lost two children of her own. Today, he gives the same advice to parents who have suffered a loss.

"There are two outcomes possible for a parent who loses a child," Specht tells them. "They can either find themselves swallowed up by the never-ending sorrow, or they can transcend it. Those who transcend it have to find a way to channel the love they have for that child into something positive."

For Specht and his wife, Samantha, that meant creating the ReesSpecht Life foundation in honor of their son. A few months after the accident, they came up with the idea of pay-it-forward cards bearing an illustrated image of Rees and a brief message encouraging kindness.

Today, more than 240,000 of the cards have been shared worldwide. Recipients have perpetuated acts of kindness small and great – from buying coffee for the person behind them in line to leaving a \$3,000 tip at a restaurant. (That big tip was the subject of a CNN story: cnn.it/1IKL9MI)

The cards were only the beginning. The Spechts created a scholarship in the school district where they both taught, and it has since expanded to multiple school districts on Long Island. Last year they partnered with the Long Island Drowning Prevention Task Force to help teach children water safety, and their most recent initiative,

"Pay It Foodward," will help coordinate donations of food to families in need.

In the future, Specht hopes to expand the scholarships to even more schools and one day open a camp for children who, like his own three daughters, have lost a sibling. "I really want to help start a groundswell for people to take a step back and think about what is really important in life," he says.

Specht majored in biology but credits his diverse studies at Mary Washington with preparing him to run the foundation, which he now does full time.

"Mary Washington remains the cornerstone of everything I have accomplished regarding the foundation," he said. "I credit the small classes and close relationships I formed at Mary Washington with providing me the encouragement and belief in myself that is necessary if you want to achieve your dreams."

– *Erica Jackson Curran '07*



Rich Specht, center, is pictured with wife Samantha, left, and daughters Abigail, Lorilei, and Melina. ReesSpecht Life board member Melina Draht is on the right.

'97

Sue Sendlein Luscomb '76 is involved with community Bible study and is active in a women's philanthropic education organization.

20 this year and is a rising junior at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. She has been on two mission trips to Haiti and loves the people and the place.

Becky Mauck is director of the First Presbyterian Preschool in Richmond. She has two grandchildren and another on the way. She looks forward to retiring and spending more time with them.

Dena Kay Caulkins retired as a senior information technology specialist after 37 years with the U.S. government. She participates in dance and music classes as she did at MWC. She enjoyed seeing fellow MWC dancers at the final performance of the Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre in Northern Virginia.

Margaret "Meg" Costello spent several days this summer in Fredericksburg with **Molly Jones '74**, sister of **Madelin Jones Barratt**. She was writing a speech for a conference at Georgetown University on family, gender, and work. She enjoyed wandering around the Mary Washington campus checking out the new buildings. She hiked and biked in West Virginia before visiting Molly. She is semi-retired and active in sports, and is on the Stow, Massachusetts, planning board.

Nancy Saunders Puckett has been married 39 years to Jim. She has been a director with Tupperware for 35 years.

Kathleen Chapman reported that son Nick and his wife, Allie, have a baby boy. She and Michael, her husband of 33 years, are proud first-time grandparents. Nick is an assistant attorney general in Arizona. Daughter Emily just got her master's degree in psychology. Kathleen is in her 10th year working as a speech and language pathologist assistant. She and Michael planned to explore the Columbia River in Washington state and visit the Oregon coast.

Sue Sendlein Luscomb's daughter Ashton married Zachary Zimmerman in March 2015 in Savannah, Georgia. They live in Memphis near Sue and her husband, Rich. Daughter Alicia Autry began a predoctoral psychology

internship at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and lives in New Hampshire with husband Dustin. Sue is involved with community Bible study and is active in a women's philanthropic education organization. Sue and Rich went to California for the U.Va./UCLA game in the Rose Bowl.

Yolande Long is going to be a grandma for the second time. She has a granddaughter, Olivia, by the expectant parents, her daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Travis. Yolande's elder son, Ross, is Eastern division sales manager for Hardywood Park Craft Brewery and lives in Norfolk. Younger son Drew was in East Asia finishing his master's degree in commerce

in 1977. She conducts workshops, summer institutes, and graduate courses around the country for College Board as an AP biology and AP environmental science consultant, and has a private science education consulting business. Her four grandsons under 3½ keep her busy from coast to coast.

1978

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Abby Omans Seeley was married in June 2014 to her high school sweetheart, Marc K. Seeley, after they reconnected and dated for five years. They honeymooned through Virginia, staying at B&Bs. They live at Abby's previous address in West Springfield. Abby was named 2015 Virginia History Teacher of the Year. The Virginia Department of Education presented the award at the school where she teaches sixth

Abby Omans Seeley '78 teaches sixth grade and was named 2015 Virginia History Teacher of the Year.

from U.Va. Drew has traveled in South Korea, China, Greece, and Turkey and has accepted a job with Capital One in Goochland. Yolande is in contact with **Beverly Hudnall Simons**, **Melissa Baisch Face '78**, **Betsy Clark Pazahanick '78**, and **Pamela Brown '78**.

Cindy Barrineau Thiele lives in Slidell, Louisiana, just across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, with husband Mickey. He is a consultant engineer for the Naval Oceanographic Office, and she has just retired as a special education teacher. Son Michael is an artist.

Madelin Jones Barratt and husband Henry celebrated 37 years of marriage in June.

1977

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Kathryn Wire Weatherhead retired from teaching in June 2014 after 35 years but now is science department chair at Hilton Head Island High School. She still teaches part time for the University of South Carolina, where she began her teaching career as a grad student

grade, Orange Hunt Elementary, at a ceremony the last week of school.

Sharon Doggett and **Cynthia Samuels Brown '79** visited **Marilyn Graves Hopkins** in Montgomery, Alabama, in March 2015. The three then drove to Selma, Alabama, for the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march.

1979

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I can always count on **Lisa Bratton Soltis** and **Gayle Weinberger Petro** to have lots of class news. Lisa reported that Gayle and her significant other, Jim, visited Roanoke in April and had a great time. She added that **Donna Anaya** attended her cousin's wedding in May in Greece, loved it, and hopes to make it a UMW girls' trip in the near future.

Sharon Doggett '78, Marilyn Graves Hopkins '78, and Cynthia Samuels Brown '79 attended the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march.

Lisa planned to meet up with **Nancy Quaintance Nelles** at Wintergreen over Father's Day weekend. Gayle, Nancy, and Lisa looked forward to a visit with **Karin Hedberg** to celebrate her birthday in Cape Cod in July. Gayle planned to travel to Boston to visit friends, while Nancy and Lisa headed to Newport, Rhode Island, and Woodstock, Vermont, ending their journey in New York City to attend *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* on Broadway. Lisa said **Sally Hart Morgan** stopped in Roanoke on the way to visit her parents in Ferrum, Virginia. Sally, **Julia Martin Belvin '72**, and Lisa had a great visit at dinner. Julia and Lisa planned a trip to Sally's house in early fall to ride the Virginia Creeper Trail.

Over Memorial Day weekend, **Diana Rupert Livingston '71** and Lisa visited UMW Foundation Board peer **Jeane Baughan Stone '74** in Birmingham, Alabama. They had a fabulous time eating their way through this lovely Southern city, and they learned mah-jongg. Also in May, **Vickie Nichols Sherertz '78** and **Joan Castner Neiderlehr '77** hosted a wonderful dinner for just the girls, and it was a stellar meal. Lisa noted that **Shelley Roberts Havoonian** lost her father-in-law in May. He was a wonderful man and was 90 years old.

Gayle Weinberger Petro is retired from Fairfax County Public Schools but still subs. She calls it "diva" subbing, as she only works at her former school and only when it fits her schedule. She and Jim volunteered at Reunion Weekend as host and hostess of the Carl's Trolley, and Gayle announced the alumni awards at the All-Class Party. Gayle noted that **Lisa Bratton Soltis** does a news show called *Biz Roanoke* and is good at interviewing new businesses in the Roanoke area. Gayle said **Lisa Carle Shields** handles mortgage loans for SunTrust and lives at Smith Mountain Lake.

Mark Fortney emailed from Ohio. He's been retired for several years but coaches track and girls' basketball at local schools.



Pam Troutman '80 is an artist at ART a La Carte in Occoquan, Virginia, specializing in beaded jewelry, embroidery, weaving, and lanyards.

Carolyn Bess Pantzer wrote that she retired from Fairfax County's Department of Family Services in January 2015 after 26 years. She has a new grandson, Landon, born in March.

1980

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Pam Troutman retired from 34 years of working at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency in July 2014. She has returned to her studio art roots as an artist at ART a La Carte in Occoquan, Virginia. Pam specializes in beaded jewelry, embroidery, weaving, and lanyards. She is taking a yearlong series of online classes in polymer clay.

1981

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In spring 2014, Gov. Terry McAuliffe appointed **Stephanie Hamlett** executive director of the Virginia Resources Authority. The authority hosted the Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference in December 2014, and Eagle Village was a highlighted infrastructure project. UMW President Rick Hurley and UMW Foundation CEO **Jeff Rountree '91** spoke.

1982

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1983

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We are saddened by the loss of our friend and classmate **Debbie Bradshaw Chambers '84** in early summer. We were enriched by her caring and thoughtfulness through her time at Mary

Billy Pugh '83 was in Phoenix for the Super Bowl this year and saw MWC roommate **Tim Money '83**, also in town for the game.

son, Michael, graduated from Tufts and is a software developer with Uber in San Francisco.

1984

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Sidney Griffith Keith lives in Florida with husband Mark. She is a certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. She learned Braille and Nemeth, a math code. Mark is a research and training specialist who supports school districts, parents, and professionals working with sensory impaired students throughout Florida. Son Ian is studying GIS mapping and hopes to transfer to UMW soon.

Brian Parsons and Carolyn Sydnor Parsons '83 have two grown children, Abby and Collin, and live across the street from UMW. They love to travel, from attending the Galax Old Time Fiddlers' Convention to visiting their student exchange family in France. Brian planned to spend a month in New Jersey training with

and is still going strong as a first-grade teacher. Daughter Katy is a junior at UMW majoring in geology, and daughter Emily is a freshman at VCU majoring in technical theater. Catherine and husband Chris are enjoying their somewhat empty nest.

Gayle Greenwood Whitlock's son graduated from James Madison University with a degree in integrated science and technology. She and her husband are celebrating being first-time grandparents, as their daughter had a baby boy.

Jennifer Stanley Reese and husband Stuart live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She is a hydrogeologist and project manager with Groundwater Sciences Corp., an environmental consulting company. She plays cello in the Hershey Symphony. They have three children. Daniel studies meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, Nathan is a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh, and Shannon is a sophomore in high school.

Kathleen Dwyer Miller's daughter Maddie works in Winchester, Virginia, as a certified dog trainer, while daughter Becca attends the University of Mississippi.

Alison Metzger LaMura and **Ray LaMura '86** are entering the empty nest stage. Daughter Madeline is a freshman at U.Va., where she

Jennifer Stanley Reese '85 is a hydrogeologist with an environmental consulting company in Pennsylvania and plays cello in the Hershey Symphony.

his new guide dog—a life-transforming experience. Brian earned master's degrees from U.Va. in environmental planning and public administration. Since 2006 he has been a senior policy advisor at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, overseeing the department's compliance with nondiscrimination protections. He deploys to the field after disasters to ensure that federal response and recovery includes people with disabilities, people of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, and those with limited English.

Catherine Gibbons Kunkel wrapped up her 22nd year teaching

joined her brother, Ryan. Ray is president of Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association and vice chair of the Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership.

Kim Slayton White and husband Dave celebrate 23 years of marriage this year. Kim is a judge in the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia. Son Hampton is a junior at the Fuqua School, where he plays soccer and enjoys Model General Assembly. Katherine, a seventh-grader at Fuqua, has landed roles in *Les Misérables* and *Wizard of Oz*, performing alongside professional summer stock actors.

Joanne Bartholomew Lamm and **Chris Lamm** are proud parents of

two UMW students; their daughter was a 2013 graduate and their youngest son is a freshman this fall. Another son is a senior at Virginia Tech.

As for me, I still work with ELL students in K-12 while Scott finishes his history Ph.D. Daughter Lauren finished her first year teaching in Wisconsin and has a new class of elementary students. Son Sean lives and works in Seattle.

Toni Moore Milbourne '87 is editor of *The Shepherdstown Chronicle* in West Virginia.

Renée Allen Kuntz, Lisa Taylor, and Abas Adenan planned a wonderful 30th reunion. The Class of 1985 won third prize in the tent contest with its pink flamingo 1980s retro theme, and we ruled the dance floor at Saturday night's all-class party!

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From Kim: Ken and I are in our 19th year with the computer business, and the yoga studio celebrated its second anniversary. We are fortunate to have the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge just north of where we live, and I have been hiking most weekends since January. I incorporate photography whenever I can.

Jennifer Lee Parrish's daughter is attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. Jennifer was elected in April to a three-year term on the executive council of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, a national defense lawyer organization.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin's main client is photographer Joe McNally. She guides his social media and travels with him and his crew. She attended PhotoshopWorld in Las Vegas and did hair, makeup, and styling for Cirque de Soleil performers. She assists Joe with his podcast, *BTS With Bill and Joe*. Other clients come to her for

personal and business branding, social media training, strategy, analytics, and media coaching. Jane Ellen and husband Jim live in the house they bought when they married in 1993. Anna Grace turned 10 in May and started middle school. Jenna is in fourth grade. Both girls are hilarious, smart, and sarcastic, and their parents couldn't be more thrilled. The Herrins also have Gracie, a

13-year-old shepherd and Akita mix that they rescued from a shelter; Max, a 15-ish blue heeler mix; Scout, a mix of English shepherd, blue heeler, and black Lab; and three guinea pigs. Jane Ellen's parents are in their early 90s, but Jim's mother passed away earlier this year.

Julie Magness has celebrated the big 5-0 and survived. The celebration started last August with a trip back to Alaska, the land of her birth. Celebrations continued for many months, and now she feels like she's at least 51! Julie and Kathy celebrated 14 years together in October (five of them married) and she is looking forward to 14-plus more.

Toni Moore Milbourne continues as editor of *The Shepherdstown Chronicle* in West Virginia. After nearly 20 years in the newspaper business, she is considering a run for local office in 2016. Daughter Polly graduated from Fairmont State University and will finish her master's degree in December. Son Allen has moved from hardwood floor installation to commercial heating and air. Maggie is in 11th grade. Samantha is in 10th grade and hopes to attend Mary Washington. Toni and husband Tom celebrated 25 years of marriage with a trip to the Connecticut shore.

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First, sad news: Our class lost **Joanne Murcklen** in July 2014. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Mary Sherley Fenimore is raising three children in Wilmington, Delaware, where she runs a small public relations company. Mary, **Jody Hobbs Hesler, Stacy Warner Price**, and **Maggie Basson Liefer McGary** had a girls' weekend in Fredericksburg. First stop – Sammy T's!

Stacy Warner Price lives in Richmond with her husband, Kevin, and daughters Katy Rose, 13, and Posy, 10. Stacy is senior assistant director of admissions at the University of Richmond. **Beth Johnston** lives in Spotsylvania and is teaching in the area.

print an edited version here and publish the unedited notes online, just as agents submit them.

Heather Stevens Crampton has been in the IT industry for 22 years and works as a government contractor for the Department of State. She has a master's degree in cybersecurity and recently completed an MBA, both from the University of Maryland. She lives in Fredericksburg's College Heights neighborhood (near campus) and has an 11-year-old daughter who attends Holy Cross Academy.

After 20 years as a chemistry professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, **Christy Copper**, the Academy's faculty athletics representative, has risen to the position of president-elect of the NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative Association and was chosen as the one faculty representative from all NCAA Division I schools to serve on the NCAA Division I Board of Directors. In April 2015, UMW dedicated a court at the Edward Hegmann Jr. Tennis Complex to Christy, a two-time national champion and

Heather Stevens Crampton '91 has been in the IT industry for 22 years and works as a government contractor for the Department of State.

Tommy Firesheets married Mike, his partner of 14 years, in New York City on Christmas Eve 2014. Afterward, they enjoyed the holiday with friends and family in the city. They live in Georgia, where Tommy works with underrepresented, gifted Latino and Asian children.

Forrest Clift finished a doctorate in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University last summer. He helped create the first International Baccalaureate primary-years program elementary school in the United States. His second textbook chapter, which examines Virginia's LGBT history and laws, was published last year.

1991

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I hope this finds you all well! Due to budget cuts, *UMW Magazine* has had to limit the number of pages devoted to Class Notes, so they will

three-time All-American. Christy, the most decorated player in Mary Washington tennis history, was inducted into the UMW Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001 as a member of the 1991 NCAA Champion Women's Tennis Team and again in 2002 as an individual.

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James Hilbert is the new assistant principal at JFK Middle School in the Comsewogue, New York, school district, where he has taught and was previously the dean of students. He and Nancy planned to vacation in Ireland and England last summer.



Cindy Rush Reasoner '93 is an elementary school principal in Amelia County, Virginia.

Mary Alice Coleman Zirkle, town planner of Buchanan, in Botetourt County, Virginia, and her husband have a farm in Stewartsville, where they raise Black Angus cattle.

Lela "Lejai" Baldwin recently defended her thesis for a doctorate in educational supervision and administration from North Carolina State. Go, Lejai! **Cindy Rush Reasoner** is an elementary school principal in Amelia County, Virginia. Her sons are excelling at baseball and are all-around good citizens.

Lori and **Chris Louden** hosted a mini MWC reunion in the spring. **Tracy Young Rowland**, **Allison Hight McCue**, **Katherine Ashby Rayburn**, **Matt Strickler**, **Allison Dieck Strickler**, **Jen Stude Schimmenti**, and several other alums were there and reported having a great time!

Stephen Covert, principal of Pine View School in Sarasota, Florida, attended the principal leadership institute at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he was selected as a principal representative.

Cheryl Roberts Heuser and her husband recently celebrated the birthday of **Andy Gustafson '92** in Tampa with a mini bar crawl. Cheryl is general counsel at Sherloq Solutions in Tampa and enjoys living in Bradenton.

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Ryan Preston and Katie O'Leary
Preston welcomed their fourth son, Oliver, in February 2015. **Robin Kozic McCann**, husband Chris, and

big brother Sage welcomed second child Quinn Joseph in March.

Aaron Zielinski and wife Lisa celebrated 10 years of marriage in 2014. Their son, Ben, is in second grade. Aaron is in digital operations and is associate engagement manager for Capital One's Chesapeake, Virginia, site.

Matt Paxton visited Minnesota for business in February, surviving below-zero temps and a trip down memory lane with me. I always

Keeth Monta Apgar '97 and partner Nala Walla performed with the Seattle Symphony and planned spring and summer concerts with The Harmonica Pocket, their award-winning children's band.

enjoy catching up with classmates and had a great time sharing crazy stories and business ideas.

Keeth Monta Apgar and partner Nala Walla performed with the Seattle Symphony and planned a full slate of spring and summer concerts with The Harmonica Pocket, their nationally acclaimed and Parents' Choice Gold Award-winning children's band. They've just released *Sundrops*, their third recording after *Ladybug One* and *Apple Apple*.

Marcie Pierson Brandriff moved to New Jersey in September 2014, where her husband, Kevin, is dean of students at the American Boychoir School. Marcie is getting used to dorm life again, and daughter Lily is enjoying having a bunch of big brothers around.

1998

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Jen Carter Tsimpris, husband Basil, and son John are expecting a girl – likely before this issue goes to press! Jen is resident life services manager at a retirement community in Richmond.

Tara McGintee Gibbs and her husband, Dave, welcomed their fourth baby boy, Declan Reilly, in September 2014.

Jen Katz is donating 50 percent of proceeds from the sale of her new children's book, *Sparky & Squeaker*, to the American Cancer Society.

Adrien Snedeker Dickerson works at Conquer Cancer Foundation. While her husband, Adam, is guarding our coasts, Adrien guards the home front with son Simon.

Caitlin Jenkins, husband Jason Losh, and children Paul and Edith live in Los Angeles, where Caitlin is a paper conservator at the Academy of Motion Pictures.

Joshua Bacigalupi is in charge of 600 kids in a K-5 elementary school just outside of Ithaca, New

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Janet Johnson Cropp, former UMW enrollment administrator and an assistant dean of advising services, is proud of her BLS and MBA degrees from UMW. She retired in 2014 after 26 years at UMW and 31 with the state. Now, she looks forward to enjoying alumni events.

2003

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Sarah Elizabeth Amick and Mohammad Al-Zubi married in March 2015; former Baptist Campus Minister Rev. Susan Blanchard officiated. **Diana**

Dittmann Hudson was a bridesmaid, **Abbie Duke Duenckel '04** sang, and **Heidi Carlson Stello '04** played harp. **Stephanie Brown Cook**, **Lee Anne Mareck**, **Melissa Fallen '00**, **Erin Campbell Madsen '04**, **Kristen Bridges White '04**, and **Patrick Hiltz '04** also attended.

Sarah and Mohammad live in Richmond and work at VCU, where Sarah is pursuing a degree in international social justice and religious studies. Sarah, a leader for the UMW Richmond Alumni Network, sees **Melissa Fallen '00**, **Abbie Duke Duenckel '04**, **Diana Dittmann Hudson**, and Susan Blanchard.

Caitlin Jenkins '98 is a paper conservator at the Academy of Motion Pictures.

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After medical school at LSU New Orleans, **Garett Seeba** completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery there in June. A 2009 dental school graduate, Garett joined a practice in Webster, Texas, and is affiliated with Houston Methodist St. John Hospital and Clearlake Regional Medical Center.

Jay Dee Callahan and **Paige Golden Callahan** welcomed their first child, Mason James, in April. After meeting freshman year when they both lived in Mason Hall, the name seemed perfect!

Alumna Finds Her Voice – and a Seat at a White House Dinner

Riham Osman '13 was one of nine young Muslims at the dinner table with President Barack Obama. But he turned to her first, and she wasn't about to waste the opportunity.

How will the administration engage the Muslim community on issues that matter to all Americans? asked Osman, suggesting Obama appoint a Muslim to a Cabinet-level position.

And how will the White House work with Muslims to counter violent extremism, rather than singling them out as perpetrators? Inviting Muslims to the table, she told Obama, would make those discussions more productive and reduce media bias.

Obama listened politely and joked about his own rocky relationship with the media. Then he turned to another invited guest at the White House iftar dinner during Ramadan in June 2015.

But Osman, the communications coordinator for the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), wasn't done. As the dinner wound down, Osman asked the president to acknowledge that violent extremism was not restricted to any one community.

Obama noted that ISIS is organized, so it tends to get more attention. But he agreed that extremists come from all backgrounds – and he reiterated that point during a speech at the Pentagon several weeks later.

"I definitely saw him avoid my question, and I pushed. I was not the favorite at the table," Osman, 24, joked later on. "But I have a community to report to. I felt I could not leave the table without getting my question answered."

UMW History Professor Nabil Al-Tikriti recalled Osman as a strong student and critical thinker, and said he wasn't surprised she carried those qualities beyond the classroom.

"That's exactly the kind of role she should take on: strong and principled and relentless," he said. "I'm glad she asked twice."

There was a time, Osman recalled, when she would have been too shy to ask even once. Born in Sudan and raised in Northern Virginia, Osman just

wanted to fit in.

At UMW, she did not seek out other Muslims until Ramadan, when the faithful fast from dawn until sunset each day for a month. She joined other Muslims at a campus iftar – the meal that breaks the fast.

"To be able to learn from them, that they were completely normal, that they had fun, to be able to hang out with like-minded people was priceless to me," she said.

About three months into her freshman year, Osman began wearing the hijab, or head covering. She encountered nothing but support from the UMW community.

But the summer before her junior year, she was fired her first day on the job at Air France when she showed up wearing her hijab. She spent her last two years at UMW fielding phone calls from lawyers and the media while

earning a bachelor's degree in international affairs with a minor in Middle Eastern studies. The airline ultimately changed its dress code in the U.S.

The experience, Osman said, helped her find her voice. Now she speaks on behalf of Muslims through MPAC, an advocacy group that focuses on national security and civil rights issues.

"It took me a long time to understand my identity," she said, "and now that I understand it I want to help my community."

– Edie Gross

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— Riham Osman

Above: Riham Osman '13 is communications coordinator for the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

Right: At the White House, Riham Osman (third from left) dines with President Obama.





2004

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Lauren Mascarenhas Andrews, Michael Andrews, and 3-year-old son Jackson David welcomed twins Henry Sebastian and Cora Lilly to

Garett Seeba '03 completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in June and is an oral surgeon in Webster, Texas.

their Richmond home this summer. Lauren works in human resources at Keiter. She and **Stephanie Shepherd Hallam** are still joined at the hip. Stephanie works at Verus Financial in Richmond and lives with her husband, Bill Hallam, in Fredericksburg.

Nadia Mudder and husband Jan, with children Jeremiah and Audrey, moved from Shenzhen, China, to Armour, South Dakota, where they have both accepted high school teaching positions. The former expat teachers expected their third child in November.

Ally Lee Marzan married Rob Marzan in April in Northern New Jersey with **Kimberly Pittman Gordon**, **Laura Rawlett Taylor**, and **Caitie Eck '06** in the bridal party. Mary Wash friends also included **Kate Martland**, **Shamus Gordon '06**, **Megan Anderson '06**, **Nancy-Lauren Raia Buechler '06**, **Shana Muhammed '06**, **Deirdre Garahan**, and **Moire Garahan Futrell '09**. Ally and Rob headed to the islands of French Polynesia for their honeymoon.

In June, District 29 Toastmasters recognized **Bryan Smalley** with an award at its Hail and Farewell Celebration for his service as the 2014–15 district secretary.

Mark A. Fiore has a J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law. He joined the litigation department of Dilworth Paxson as an associate after having served as commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and financial restructuring associate at Cooper Levenson.

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Nancy-Lauren Raia and 2002 Bucknell graduate John C. Buechler married April 4, 2015, on Long Island. Mary Washington roommates **Andrea Wyatt Carey**, **Susan Jeffries Suleske**, and **Renee Liers**

and a research assistant professor at the Institute for Forensic Science at Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, Parker, in December 2014.

Stephanie Bowen Preshlock and husband Bob welcomed their first baby, Robert Paul Preshlock III, in April. Stephanie is an intelligence analyst with the federal government.

Robert Hughes, **Erin Keegan Hughes**, and daughter Claire welcomed baby Benjamin Thomas in February.

Caitlin Young earned a master's degree in library and information science from Louisiana State University in May.

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Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe appointed Davis Renolds '06, vice president of McGuireWoods Consulting, to the UMW Board of Visitors.

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secretary for the international nonprofit Medical Students for Choice.

Whitney Packett English and husband Richard welcomed a son, Thomas Richard English III, in October 2014. They live in Warsaw, Virginia, where she is a certified public accountant.

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In August 2015, Matt Jones married Juliann Boyles '09 in

Orange, Virginia. They live in Fredericksburg.

Aaron Byrd is a contract financial and legal analyst for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. He had been an associate attorney in the law offices of Elizabeth McMaster, PLC, in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Ashley Fariss Stewart and **Craig Stewart** welcomed their first son, Henry Colton Stewart, on June 23, 2015. Ashley earned a master's degree in occupational therapy in 2014 and received her license in February 2015. Craig is completing an MBA at VCU.

Kathleen Watson Keys graduated with distinction with a master's degree in contract management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, in June. She received the NPS Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for a Department of Defense student and the Army Acquisition Corps award for scholastic achievement.

Mike Ambrose and **Stephanie Lefferts '11** completed the 2014 Leadville Trail 100 Mile Run. Mike finished second in his age group and 16th overall out of 700 runners with a time of 20 hours and 41 minutes. Stephanie finished fourth in her age group in 29 hours and 23 minutes. Both Mike and Stephanie rowed for UMW.

Navy Lt. **James Martin** transferred to Navy Intelligence after completing four years as a surface warfare officer onboard USS Benfold (DDG 65), a guided missile destroyer homeported in San Diego, California.

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Claire Tuley planned to study transactional law at the University of Tennessee College of Law this fall.

On Oct. 4, 2014, **Luan Cao** married **Jordan Brothers**, daughter of **Jo Anne Vipperman Brothers '79**. One-eighth of the guests were Mary Washington alumni! The bridal party included **Brianna Lehner '12**, **Mark Placious**, and **Sam Jordan**. **Katy Peterson** made the wedding cupcakes with help from **Deidre Ryan**. Also attending were Jo Anne's

college roommate Windsor Barlow Easley '79, Stephen Schroeder, Elyse Rioux, Rachel Frederick, Ellen Beste, and Lundy Baker Updike '76.

Megan Kent has a master's degree in corporate communications and public relations from Georgetown University and works as the director of marketing, communications, and public relations at inNuevo, a branch of Marshall Moya Design. She bought and renovated a condo in Arlington this year and married Matthew Jordan. **Alison Coleman**,

Catherine Hancock, and **Rachel Enright** were in the bridal party, and the reception was held at D.C.'s Top of the Town overlooking the monuments.

Nick Jacobs and **Rachel DeVerna Jacobs** live in Charlottesville. Rachel is teaching fourth grade and Nick is pursuing a doctorate in political science.

2012

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Eugene Hamrick and **Morgan Mangold** were married on June 20 in King George, Virginia. Eugene completed an MBA from the University of Phoenix in January, and Morgan planned to begin a master's degree program in library information science at the University of South Carolina this fall.

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Frances Blythe Holt '35
Jaquelin Randolph Smith Lamond '37
Rebecca Silver Witter '37
Barbara Gerow Jones Glover '38
Ruth Wheatley Blunt Stoops '38
Dorothy Persons Crutsinger '40
Rubie Lee Ashley Johnson '40
Edith Patterson Breedon '41
Lois Loehr Brown '41
Barbara Vail Hitch '41
Martha Frances Wingfield Embrey '42
Mary Patton Kline '42
Alberta Powell Olds '42
Eloise Correll Strader '42
Jean Page Buxton Moffett '43
Theodora Nickerson Burson '44
Frances Lee Smith Copeland '44
Marjorie Helen Hudson Denny '44
Ellen Allen Hemphill '44
Kathleen Goffigon Huston '44
Bertha McPhail Johnson '44
Mary Frances Garner Knight '44
June Ellen Minnerly Borden '45
Nancy Aitcheson Taylor '45
Marianne Kay Winkler '45
Vera Patricia Hollingsworth '46
Evelyn Louise Garrison Morgan '46
Barbara Webb Schmidt '47
Valencia Mae Sunday "Sunny" Hoover '48
Anne Marie Lindner '48
Irene Isabelle Haislip Seftas '48
Barbara Louise Watson Barden '49

Barbara Green Connell '49
Elizabeth Seelinger deBedts '49
Barbara Anne Blackburn Faulkner '49
Ann Louise Guillory Hubbard '49
Barbara Ann Fitzgerald Jewett '49
Anna "Andi" Peacock Dulany Devening Lyons '49
Mary Jacqueline Porter '49
Clelia Jane Boushee Bullard '50
Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni '50
Jane Mooney Mercer '50
Mary Lyne Kucera Morrissey '50
Rowena Laura Simpson Renn-Hicks '50
Nell Grieve Swanson '50
Joanne Hash Williams '50
Frances Chesson LaCamera '51
Margaret Kirkwood Menzies Merrill '51
Roselyn "Rosie" Bell Morris '51
Carolyn Hudgins Robins '51
Helen Davey York '51
Lucille Ann Palladino Fields '52
Betsy Anne "Bettsanne" Norris Holmes '52
Betty Holland Lusk '52
Kathryn Orem Proescher '52
Shirley Jean Bowman Stotts '52
Aileen Hirschman Belford '53
Carole Risdon Benchoff '53
Betty East Boushee '53
Carol Ann Smith Boyes '53
Jacquelín Reese Perdue '53
Ruth Williams Campbell Taylor '53
Peggy Ann Sloan Conklin '54
Martha Jane Vinzant LeCroy '54
Patricia Hatfield Mayer '54
Audrey Merritt Buchholz '55
Mildred Lucille Corum Campbell '55
Diane Farans Green '55
Shirley Gregory Stone '55
Dorothy "Dot" Nell Wolfe York Ventresca '55
Jeanette Buechting Maguire '56
Evelyn Nitti Ewald '57
Frances Hogue Waldron '57
Beverly Cooke Lordi '58
Ann Walser Ratcliffe Harrover Thomas '58
Emily Babb Carpenter '59
Joyce Kirby Erlandsen '59
Betty Lou Bulifant Humphries '60
Anita Pelham Finney '61
Carrington Hansbrough Obrion '63
Patience Saunders Herren '64
Nancy Blake Svendsen '64
Leila "Lee" Henry Madley '65
Evangeline "Eva" Teng Marcus '66
Kelley Elizabeth Greene Rauchle Baliukas '69
Joyce Munden Clark '69
Donna Pharr Mitchell '69
Mary Edna Gillenwater Burton Johnson '70
Sylvia S. Schwab '71
Carolyn Weaver-Mackay '73
Mary Patricia Giunta '74
Rosemarie Naomi Kellam Martyn '79
Elizabeth Smith Storm '79
Rebecca Lynn Shaner '82
Debra Bradshaw Chambers '84
David Hattiway Bland '87
Joyce Fairley Gebhardt '88
Melanie Lynn Rumuly Worth '92

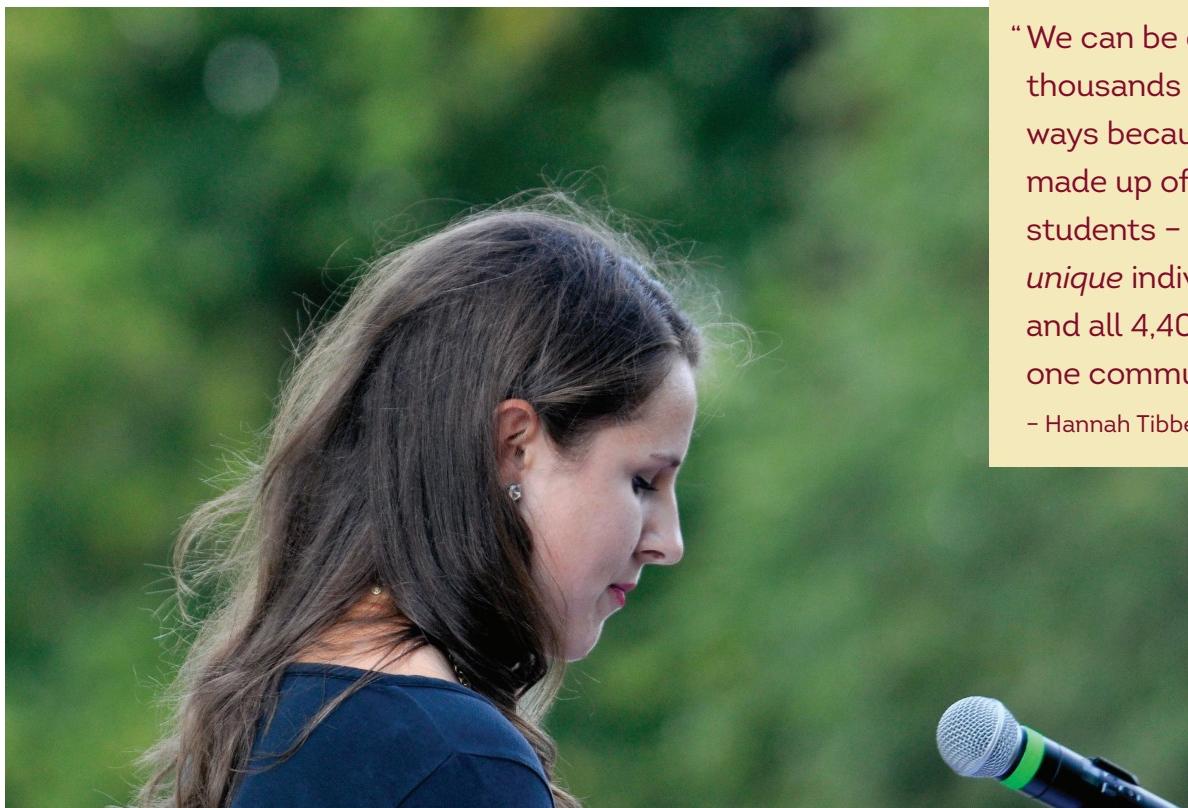
Gregory L. Gilmour '95
Margaret Oldford Nelson '01
Teresa Ann "Terry" Dadzitis '06
Rebecca Abramson Cummings '09
Max R. Addy '14
David E. Justis '15
Grace Rebecca Mann '16

CONDOLENCES

Betsy Thorne Bultman '49, who lost her husband
Corrine Conley Stuart '49, who lost her husband
Shirley Gibson Boyd '54, who lost her son
Martha Lye Pitmann '55, who lost her husband
Lynne Hays '60, who lost her sister
Eleanore Saunders Sunderland '61, who lost her sister
Susan Jacobius Davis '73, who lost her daughter
Bambi Creighton Willis '73, who lost her husband
Ana Catoni-Yilirim '80, who lost her mother
Rhonda G. Nash '82, who lost her father
Amy Anne Perdue '82, who lost her mother
Lisa Perdue Anderson '87, who lost her mother
Ken Fulk '87, who lost his father
Scott C. Boyd '90, who lost his brother



Building Community



Reza Marvashti

*At the University Center dedication on Sept. 17, 2015, Student Government Association President **Hannah Tibbett '16** provided the following remarks:*

Before I can speak about why this new building is important to the student body, I need to talk about what makes us, the students, *us*. We are Goats, Devils, math nerds, aspiring authors, dancers, hikers, video game enthusiasts, commuters, runners, couch potatoes, night owls, early risers, expert Netflix-watchers, and amateur bloggers. We can be described thousands of different ways because we are made up of 4,400 students – 4,400 *unique* individuals – and all 4,400 of us are one community. This building, also known as the UC, the Sequel, Sequel-beck, and the new Chandler (did I mention that we're also very clever?!), brings this

community, *my* community, together on a daily basis.

Students spend most of their days on campus – in class, “bench sitting,”* studying in the library, getting food with friends, playing the banjo on Ball, whatever. The University Center gives us a central place to congregate. Yes, when it’s beautiful out, we like to do what we do best: Bench. But when we’re not feeling the heat outside, students seem to almost instinctively head to the UC. I’m pretty confident that come winter, the UC will be a popular location to hang out. A building that feeds most of the student population is naturally bound to be a huge hit.

On top of that, though, the UC provides us the luxury to chat with friends while rocking in the balcony chairs over coffee or Odoba, and ample space to meet with a marketing group to plan out a class presentation or a club to

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– Hannah Tibbett

organize an activity. Some students start their day here by getting breakfast (or lunch, depending on what time they wake up), while others knock out some reading in the “comfy chairs.”

We’re still exploring and discovering new and cool things about the UC. But what’s important is that this building touches every Mary Wash student in some way, and we’re ultimately building a stronger, closer community.

**Leisure activity unique to University of Mary Washington students where one or more students observe the activities and/or listen to the conversations of others while sitting on a Campus Walk bench. It is common for those participating in bench sitting to point and laugh at those whom they are observing. Bench sitting can also be used to observe UMW squirrels.*
– Urban Dictionary



Mary Washington alumni, students, parents, friends, faculty, and staff are joining together to salute President Richard V. Hurley during his final year at Mary Washington. Use the hashtag to share your photos and well wishes.



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Tunes at Twilight

Nice weather is irresistible to musically inclined Mary Washington students. Just about any pretty day or evening draws someone outdoors to make music – here, it's a ukulele and a few friends on Ball Circle. Campus musicians can gain a fan following and earn fond nicknames, like this fall's Banjo Man and Guitar Guy. An instrument isn't required, though. Some students are happy just to sing.